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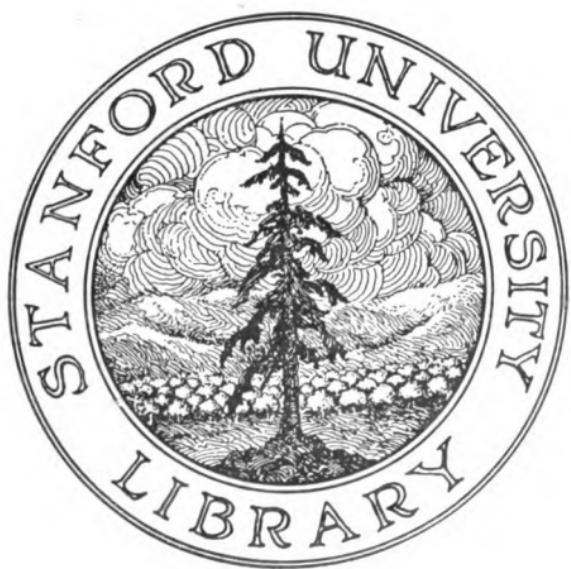
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# AENEIS

## LIBER VII

Tu quoque litoribus nostris, Aeneia nutrix,  
aeternam moriens famam, Caieta, dedisti ;  
et nunc servat honos sedem tuus, ossaque nomen  
Hesperia in magna, si qua est ea gloria, signat.

MPR

At pius exsequiis Aeneas rite solutis,  
aggere composito tumuli, postquam alta quierunt 6  
aequora, tendit iter velis portumque relinquit.  
adspirant aurae in noctem, nec candida cursus  
Luna negat, splendet tremulo sub lumine pontus.  
proxima Circaeae raduntur litora terrae, 10  
dives inaccessos ubi Solis filia lucos  
adsiduo resonat cantu, tectisque superbis  
urit odoratam nocturna in lumina cedrum,  
arguto tenuis percurrens pectine telas.  
hinc exaudiri gemitus iraeque leonum  
vincla recusantum et sera sub nocte rudentum,  
saetigerique sues atque in praesepibus 15  
saevire, ac formae magnorum ululare luporum,

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<sup>2</sup> famam moriens *P*.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>4</sup> signant *MP*.

<sup>7</sup> portus *P*.

<sup>8</sup> cursum *R*.

<sup>13</sup> nocturno in lumine *M*.

<sup>15</sup> exaudire *P*.

<sup>16</sup> saeva *P*.

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Thou, too,<sup>1</sup> Caieta, nurse of Aeneas, hast by thy death given deathless fame to our shores ; and still thine honour guards thy resting-place, and in great Hesperia, if such glory be aught, thy name marks 'thy dust.

5 But good Aeneas, when the last rites were duly paid and the funeral mound was raised, soon as the high seas were stilled, sails forth on his way and leaves the haven. Breezes blow on into the night, and the Moon, shining bright, forbids not the voyage ; the sea glitters beneath her dancing beams. Closely they skirt the shores of Circe's land,<sup>2</sup> where the rich daughter of the Sun thrills her untrodden groves with ceaseless song, and in her stately halls burns fragrant cedar to illuminate the night, as with shrill shuttle she sweeps the fine-spun web. Hence could be heard the angry growls of lions chafing at their bonds and roaring in midnight hours, the raging of bristly boars and encaged bears, and howls from shapes of monstrous wolves ; whom with her potent

<sup>1</sup> As well as Misenus (vi. 234) and Palinurus (vi. 381). Caieta gave her name to Gaeta and the Gulf of Gaeta.

<sup>2</sup> Circeii, a promontory of Latium, but once an island, is identified by Virgil with Homer's island of Aeaea, the home of Circe.

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quos hominum ex facie dea saeva potentibus herbis  
induerat Circe in voltus ac terga ferarum. 20  
quae ne monstra pii paterentur talia Troes  
delati in portus, neu litora dira subirent,  
Neptunus ventis implevit vela secundis,  
atque fugam dedit, et praeter vada fervida vexit.

Iamque rubescet radiis mare, et aethere ab alto 25  
Aurora in roseis fulgebat lutea bigis :  
cum venti posuere omnisque repente resedit  
flatus, et in lento luctantur marmore tonsae.  
atque hic Aeneas ingentem ex aequore lucum  
prospicit. hunc inter fluvio Tiberinus amoeno 30  
verticibus rapidis et multa flavus harena  
in mare prorumpit. variae circumque supraque  
adsuetae ripis volucres et fluminis alveo  
aethera mulcebant cantu, lucoque volabant.  
flectere iter sociis terraeque advertere proras 35  
imperat, et laetus fluvio succedit opaco.

Nunc age, qui reges, Erato, quae tempora rerum,  
quis Latio antiquo fuerit status, advena classem  
cum primum Ausoniis exercitus appulit oris,  
expediam, et primae revocabo exordia pugnae. 40  
tu vatem, tu, diva, mone. dicam horrida bella,  
dicam acies actosque animis in funera reges,  
Tyrrenamque manum, totamque sub arma coactam  
Hesperiam. maior rerum mihi nascitur ordo,  
maius opus moveo.

Rex arva Latinus et urbes 45  
iam senior longa placidas in pace regebat.  
hunc Fauno et Nympha genitum Laurente Marica

<sup>37</sup> tempora rerum as punctuated in M and by Servius :  
tempora, rerum Peerlkamp.

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herbs Circe, cruel goddess, had changed from the likeness of men, clothing them in the features and frames of beasts. But lest the good Trojans should suffer such monstrous fate, should enter the haven or draw near the cursed shore, Neptune filled their sails with favouring winds, and gave them escape, and bore them past the seething shallows.

<sup>25</sup> And now the sea was reddening with the rays of dawn, and from high heaven saffron-hued Aurora shone in roseate car, when the winds fell, and every breath sank suddenly, and the oar blades strive amid the sluggish calm of waters. Then lo! Aeneas, gazing forth from the flood, sees a mighty forest. Through its midst the Tiber, with pleasant stream, leaps forth to sea in swirling eddies and yellow with plenteous sand. Around and above, birds of varied plumes, that haunt the banks and river-channel, charmed the sky with song, and flitted amid the forest. He bids his comrades change their course and turn their prows to land, and joyfully enters the shady river.

<sup>37</sup> Awake now, Erato ! Who were the kings, what was the tide of events, how stood ancient Latium, when first that stranger host beached its barques on Ausonia's shore—this will I unfold ; and the prelude of the opening strife will I recall. Thou, goddess, do thou prompt thy bard ! I will tell of grim wars, will tell of battle array, and princes in their valour rushing upon death—of Tyrrhenian bands, and all Hesperia mustered in arms. Greater is the story that opens before me ; greater is the task I essay.

<sup>45</sup> King Latinus, now old, ruled over lands and towns in the calm of a long peace. He, we are told, was sprung of Faunus and the Laurentine nymph,

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accipimus : Fauno Picus pater, isque parentem  
te, Saturne, refert, tu sanguinis ultimus auctor.  
filius huic fato divum prolesque virilis      50  
nulla fuit, primaque oriens erepta iuventa est.  
sola domum et tantas servabat filia sedes,  
iam matura viro, iam plenis nubilis annis.  
multi illam magno e Latio totaque petebant  
Ausonia. petit ante alios pulcherrimus omnes      55  
Turnus, avis atavisque potens, quem regia coniunx  
adiungi generum miro properabat amore ;  
sed variis portenta deum terroribus obstant.  
laurus erat tecti medio in penetralibus altis,      MPR  
sacra comam multosque metu servata per annos,      60  
quam pater inventam, primas cum conderet arces,  
ipse ferebatur Phoebo sacrasse Latinus,  
Laurentisque ab ea nomen posuisse colonis.  
huius apes sumnum densae (mirabile dictu),  
stridore ingenti liquidum trans aethera vectae,      65  
obsedere apicem et pedibus per mutua nexit  
examen subitum ramo frondente pependit.  
continuo vates "externum cernimus," inquit,  
"adventare virum et partis petere agmen easdem  
partibus ex isdem et summa dominarier arce."      70  
praeterea, castis adolet dum altaria taedis  
et iuxta genitorem adstat Lavinia virgo,  
visa, nefas, longis comprehendere crinibus ignem,  
atque omnem ornatum flamma crepitante cremari,  
regalisque accensa comas, accensa coronam      75  
insignem gemmis ; tum fumida lumine fulvo  
involvi ac totis Volcanum spargere tectis.  
id vero horrendum ac visu mirabile ferri :  
namque fore inlustrem fama fatisque canebeant  
ipsam, sed populo magnum portendere bellum.      80

<sup>53</sup> in plenis *P.*

<sup>71</sup> dum] cum *Nonius*.

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Marica. Faunus' sire was Picus, and he boasts thee, O Saturn, as his father; thou art first founder of the line. To him by Heaven's decree was no son or male descent, cut off, as it was, in the spring of early youth. Alone, to preserve the house and noble home, was a daughter, now ripe for a husband, now of full age to be a bride. Many wooed her from wide Latium and all Ausonia, yet goodliest above all other wooers was Turnus, of long and lofty ancestry, whom the queen-mother yearned with wondrous passion to unite to her as son. But divine portents, with manifold alarms, bar the way. In the midst of the palace, in the high inner courts, stood a laurel of sacred leafage, preserved in awe through many years, which lord Latinus himself, 'twas said, found and dedicated to Phoebus, when he built his first towers; and from it he gave his settlers their name Laurentes. Atop of this tree, wondrous to tell, settled a dense swarm of bees, borne with loud humming across the liquid air, and with feet intertwined hung in sudden swarm from the leafy bough. Forthwith the prophet cries: "I see a stranger draw near; from the self-same quarter a troop seeks the same quarter, and reigns in the topmost citadel!" Moreover, while with hallowed torch he kindles the altars, and at her father's side stands the maiden Lavinia, she was seen (O horror!) to catch fire in her long tresses, and burn with crackling flame in all her headgear, her queenly hair ablaze, ablaze her jewelled coronal; then wreathed in smoke and yellow glare, she scattered fire throughout the palace. That indeed was noised abroad as an awful and wondrous vision; for she, they foretold, would herself be glorious in fame and fortune, yet to her people she boded a mighty war.

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At rex sollicitus monstris oracula Fauni,  
 fatidici genitoris, adit lucosque sub alta  
 consulit Albunea, nemorum quae maxima sacro  
 fonte sonat saevamque exhalat opaca mephitimi.  
 hinc Italae gentes omnisque Oenotria tellus      85  
 in dubiis **responsa** petunt : **huc dona sacerdos**  
 cum tulit et caesarum ovium sub nocte silenti  
 pellibus incubuit stratis somnosque petivit,  
 multa modis simulacra videt volitantia miris  
 et varias audit voces fruiturque deorum      90  
 conloquio atque imis Acheronta adfatur Avernus.  
 hic et tum pater ipse petens **responsa** Latinus  
 centum lanigeras mactabat rite bidentis,  
 atque harum effultus tergo stratisque iacebat  
 velleribus : subita ex alto vox redditu luco est :      95  
 “ ne pete conubiis natam sociare Latinis,  
 o mea progenies, thalamis neu crede paratis :  
 externi venient generi, qui sanguine nostrum  
 nomen in astra ferant quorumque ab stirpe nepotes  
 omnia sub pedibus, qua Sol utrumque recurrens      100  
 aspicit Oceanum, vertique regique videbunt.”  
 haec **responsa** patris Fauni monitusque silenti  
 nocte datos non ipse suo premit ore Latinus,  
 sed circum late volitans iam Fama per urbes  
 Ausonias tulerat, cum Laomedontia pubes      105  
 gramineo ripae religavit ab aggere classem.

Aeneas primique duces et pulcher Iulus

<sup>84</sup> saevum *M.*      <sup>95</sup> subito *M.*  
<sup>98</sup> veniunt *preferred by Servius.*

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<sup>81</sup> But the king, troubled by the portent, visits the oracle of Faunus, his prophetic sire, and consults the groves beneath high Albunea, which, mightiest of forests,<sup>1</sup> echoes with hallowed fountain, and breathes forth from her darkness a deadly vapour. Hence the tribes of Italy and all the Oenotrian land seek responses in days of doubt; hither the priestess brings the offerings, and as she lies under the silent night on the outspread fleeces of slaughtered sheep and woos slumber, she sees many phantoms flitting in wondrous wise, hears voices manifold, holds converse with the gods, and speaks with Acheron in lowest Avernus. Here then, also, King Latinus himself, seeking an answer, duly slaughtered a hundred woolly sheep, and lay couched on their hides and outspread fleeces. Suddenly a voice came from the deep grove: "Seek not, O my son, to ally thy daughter in Latin wedlock, and put no faith in the bridal-chamber prepared. Strangers shall come, to be thy sons, whose blood shall exalt our name to the stars, and the children of whose race shall behold, where the circling sun looks on either ocean,<sup>2</sup> the whole world roll obedient beneath their feet." This answer of his father Faunus, and the warning he gave in the silent night, Latinus keeps not shut within his own lips; but Rumour, flitting far and wide, had already borne the tidings through the Ausonian cities, when the sons of Laomedon moored their ships to the river's grassy bank.

<sup>107</sup> Aeneas, and his chief captains and fair Iulus,

<sup>1</sup> Albunea is here identified with the forest. Situated at or near Laurentum, this must be different from the Albunea of Horace, *Carm.* i. 7, 12, which is a cascade at Tibur.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. in East and West; the Ocean being conceived as flowing round the earth.

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corpora sub ramis deponunt arboris altae  
instituuntque dapes et adorea liba per herbam  
subiciunt epulis (sic Iuppiter ipse monebat) 110  
et Cereale solum pomis agrestibus augent.  
consumptis hic forte aliis, ut vertere morsus  
exiguam in Cererem penuria adegit edendi  
et violare manu malisque audacibus orbem  
fatalis crusti patulis nec parcere quadris : 115  
“heus ! etiam mensas consumimus,” inquit Iulus,  
nec plura adludens. ea vox audita laborum  
prima tulit finem primamque loquentis ab ore  
eripuit pater ac stupefactus numine pressit.  
continuo “salve fatis mihi debita tellus 120  
vosque,” ait, “o fidi Troiae, salvete, penates :  
hic domus, haec patria est. genitor mihi talia namque  
(nunc repeto) Anchises fatorum arcana reliquit :  
‘cum te, nate, fames ignota ad litora vectum  
accisis coget dapibus consumere mensas, 125  
tum sperare domos defessus ibique memento  
prima locare manu molirique aggere tecta.’  
haec erat illa fames, haec nos suprema manebat,  
exitiis positura modum.  
quare agite et primo laeti cum lumine solis, 130  
quae loca, quive habeant homines, ubi moenia gentis,  
vestigemus et a portu diversa petamus.  
nunc pateras libate Iovi precibusque vocate  
Anchisen genitorem, et vina reponite mensis.”

<sup>110</sup> ipse] ille *M<sup>2</sup>*, known to *Servius*.

<sup>125</sup> ambesis *R.*      <sup>128</sup> maneabant *R.*

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<sup>1</sup> The round cakes, like our hot cross-buns, were scored by cross-lines into four quarters (*quadrae*).

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lay their limbs to rest under the boughs of a high tree, and spread the feast ; they place cakes of meal along the sward beneath the viands—Jove himself inspired them—and they crown the wheaten base with fruits of the field. Here, haply, when the rest was consumed, and the scantness of fare drove them to turn their teeth upon the slender cakes—to profane with hand and daring jaw the fateful circles of crust, and spare not the broad loaves<sup>1</sup>: “Ha ! we eat our tables too !” quoth Iulus, jesting ; this and no more. That cry,<sup>2</sup> when heard, first brought an end of toil ; and as it first fell from the speaker’s lips, his father caught it up and held it fast,<sup>3</sup> awe-struck at Heaven’s will. Straightway, “Hail, O land,” he cries, “destined as my due ! and hail to you, ye faithful gods of Troy ! Here is our home, here our country ! For my father Anchises—now I recall it—bequeathed me this secret of fate : ‘My son, when, wafted to an unknown shore, hunger shall compel thee, as food fails, to devour thy tables, then in thy weariness hope for a home, and there be mindful first to set up thy dwellings with thy hand and bank them with a mound.’ This was that hunger foretold, this the last strait awaiting us, that should set an end to our deadly woes ! Come then, and, gladly with the sun’s first beams, let us explore what lands these are, what people here dwell, where is the city of the nation, and let us fare forth from the harbour in divers ways. Now pour your cups to Jove, and call in prayer on my sire Anchises, and set the wine again upon the board.”

<sup>2</sup> cf. III. 255, where, however, the prophecy is uttered by Celaeno, not by Anchises.

<sup>3</sup> Others render “stopped his utterance”; sc. *rotem*.

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Sic deinde effatus frondenti tempora ramo      135  
 implicat et geniumque loci primamque deorum  
 Tellurem nymphasque et adhuc ignota precatur  
 flumina, tum Noctem Noctisque orientia signa  
 Idaeumque Iovem Phrygiamque ex ordine Matrem  
 invocat et duplicitis caeloque Ereboque parentis.      140  
 hic pater omnipotens ter caelo clarus ab alto  
 intonuit radiisque ardente lucis et auro  
 ipse manu quatiens ostendit ab aethere nubem.  
 diditur hic subito Troiana per agmina rumor,  
 advenisse diem, quo debita moenia condant.      145  
 certatim instaurant epulas atque omine magno  
 crateras laeti statuunt et vina coronant.

Postera cum prima lustrabat lampade terras  
 orta dies, urbem et finis et litora gentis  
 diversi explorant, haec fontis stagna Numici,      150  
 hunc Thybrim fluvium, hic fortis habitare Latinos.  
 tum satus Anchisa delectos ordine ab omni  
 centum oratores augusta ad moenia regis  
 ire iubet, ramis velatos Palladis omnis,  
 donaque ferre viro pacemque exposcere Teucri.      155  
 haud mora, festinant iussi rapidisque feruntur  
 passibus. ipse humili designat moenia fossa  
 moliturque locum primasque in litore sedes  
 castrorum in morem pinnis atque aggere cingit.  
 iamque iter emensi turris ac tecta Latinorum      160  
 ardua cernebant iuvenes muroque subibant.  
 ante urbem pueri et primaevō flore iuventus  
 exercentur equis domitantque in pulvere currus  
 aut acris tendunt arcus aut lenta lacertis

<sup>143</sup> manum *M<sup>1</sup>.*      <sup>160</sup> et *M<sup>1</sup>γ.* Latini *M<sup>2</sup>.*  
<sup>163</sup> exercetur *Pγ<sup>1</sup>.*

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<sup>135</sup> So speaking, he straightway wreaths his temples with leafy bough and prays to the genius of the place, and Earth, first of gods ; to the nymphs and the streams yet unknown ; then to Night and Night's rising signs, and to Jove of Ida and the Phrygian Mother, each in order, and his twain parents, in heaven and in the world below. At this, the almighty Father thundered thrice aloft from a clear sky, and with his own hand shook forth to view from heaven a cloud ablaze with shafts of golden light. Then suddenly through the Trojan band runs the rumour, that the day has come to found their promised city. Emulously they renew the feast, and cheered by the mighty omen set on the bowls and wreath the wine.

<sup>148</sup> On the morrow, soon as the risen day was lighting the earth with her earliest torch, by separate ways they search out the city and boundaries and coasts of the nation. This, they learn, is the pool of Numicius' fount ; this the Tiber river ; here dwell the brave Latins. Then Anchises' son commands a hundred envoys, chosen from every rank, to go to the king's stately city, o'er-shaded all by the boughs of Pallas, to bear gifts for the hero, and to crave peace for the Trojans. They linger not, but hasten at his bidding and move with rapid steps. Aeneas himself marks out his walls with a shallow trench, toils o'er the ground, and encircles this first settlement on the coast, after the fashion of a camp, with mound and battlements. And now his band had traversed their way ; they were in sight of the towers and steep roofs of the Latins, and drew near to the wall. Before the city, boys and youths in their early bloom are a-training in horsemanship, or break in teams amid the dust, or bend eager bows, or hurl

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spicula contorquent cursuque ictuque lacesunt, 165  
cum praevectus equo longaevi regis ad auris  
nuntius ingentis ignota in veste reportat  
advenisse viros. ille intra tecta vocari  
imperat et solio medius consedit avito.

Tectum augustum, ingens, centum sublime  
columnis, 170  
urbe fuit summa, Laurentis regia Pici,  
horrendum silvis et religione parentum.  
hic scepta accipere et primos attollere fasces  
regibus omen erat, hoc illis curia templum,  
hae sacris sedes epulis, hic ariete caeso 175  
perpetuis soliti patres considere mensis.  
quin etiam veterum effigies ex ordine avorum  
antiqua e cedro, Italusque paterque Sabinus  
vitisator, curvam servans sub imagine falcem,  
Saturnusque senex Ianique bifrontis imago, FMPR  
vestibulo adstabant aliique ab origine reges 181  
Martiaque ob patriam pugnando volnera passi.  
multaque praeterea sacris in postibus arma,  
captivi pendent currus curvaeque secures  
et cristae capitum et portarum ingentia claustra 185  
spiculaque clipeique ereptaque rostra carinis.  
ipse Quirinali lituo parvaque sedebat  
succinctus trabea laevaque ancile gerebat  
Picus, equum domitor; quem capta cupidine coniunx  
aurea percutsum virga versumque venenis 190  
fecit avem Circe sparsitque coloribus alas.

<sup>182</sup> Martia qui *F<sup>1</sup>M.*

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with their arms tough darts, and challenge to race or boxing bout—when, galloping up, a messenger brings word to the aged monarch's ears that mighty men are come in unknown attire. The king bids them be summoned within the halls, and takes his seat in the midst on his ancestral throne.

<sup>170</sup> Stately and vast, towering with a hundred columns, his house crowned the city, once the palace of Laurentian Picus, awe-inspiring with its grove and the sanctity of olden days. Here 'twas auspicious for kings to receive the sceptre, and first uplift the fasces ; this shrine was their senate-house, this the scene of their holy feasts ; here, after slaughter of rams, the elders were wont to sit down at the long line of tables. Yea, and in order are images of their forefathers of yore, carved of old cedar—Italus and father Sabinus, planter of the vine, guarding in his image the curved pruning-hook, and aged Saturn, and the likeness of two-faced Janus—all standing in the vestibule ; and other kings from the beginning, and they who had suffered wounds of war, fighting for their fatherland. Many arms, moreover, hang on the sacred doors, captive chariots, curved axes, helmet-crests and massive bars of gates ; javelins and shields and beaks wrenched from ships. There sat one, holding the Quirinal staff<sup>1</sup> and girt with short robe, his left hand bearing the sacred shield—even Picus, tamer of steeds, whom his bride Circe, smitten with love's longing, struck with her golden rod, and with drugs changed into a bird with plumes of dappled hue.

<sup>1</sup> Quirinus (*i.e.* Romulus) was Rome's first augur, and as such carried the augur's badges of office—the *lituus*, or curved staff, and the *ancile*, or sacred shield—while he wore the purple striped toga, or *trabea*.

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Tali intus templo divum patriaque Latinus  
 sede sedens Teucros ad sese in tecta vocavit,  
 atque haec ingressis placido prior edidit ore :  
 “dicite, Dardanidae (neque enim nescimus et urbem  
 et genus, auditique advertitis aequore cursum), 196  
 quid petitis ? quae causa rates aut cuius egentis  
 litus ad Ausonium tot per vada caerula vexit ?  
 sive errore viae seu tempestatibus acti,  
 qualia multa mari nautae patiuntur in alto, 200  
 fluminis intrastis ripas portuque sedetis,  
 ne fugite hospitium neve ignorate Latinos  
 Saturni gentem, haud vinclo nec legibus aequam,  
 sponte sua veterisque dei se more tenentem.  
 atque equidem memini (fama est obscurior annis) 205  
 Auruncos ita ferre senes, his ortus ut agris  
 Dardanus Idaeas Phrygiae penetravit ad urbes  
 Threiciamque Samum, quae nunc Samothracia fertur.  
 hinc illum Corythi Tyrrhena ab sede profectum  
 aurea nunc solio stellantis regia caeli 210  
 accipit et numerum divisorum altaribus auget.”

Dixerat, et dicta Ilioneus sic voce secutus :  
 “ rex, genus egregium Fauni, nec fluctibus actos  
 atra subegit hiems vestris succedere terris,  
 nec sidus regione viæ litusve fefellit : 215  
 consilio hanc omnes animisque volentibus urbem  
 adferimur, pulsi regnis, quae maxima quondam  
 extremo veniens Sol aspiciebat Olympo.  
 ab Iove principium generis, Iove Dardana pubes

<sup>207</sup> penetrarit *R.*

<sup>211</sup> numerom *P<sup>1</sup>*: numero *P<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*. addit *γ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>212</sup> dictum *M<sup>1</sup>*.

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<sup>192</sup> Such was the temple of the gods wherein Latinus, seated on the throne of his fathers, summoned the Teucrians to his presence in the halls, and as they entered greeted them thus with gentle mien : “ Tell, O Sons of Dardanus—for your city and race we know, and not unheard of is your journey over the deep—what seek ye? What cause, or what need, hath borne you to the Ausonian shore o'er so many dark-blue waters? Whether straying from your course, or driven by storms (for such things oft do sailors suffer on the high seas), ye have entered the river banks and lie in haven, shun not our welcome, and be not unaware that the Latins are Saturn's race, righteous not by bond or laws, but self-controlled of their own free will and by the custom of their ancient god. And in truth I remember, though time has dimmed the tale, that Auruncan elders told how that in this land sprang Dardanus,<sup>1</sup> and hence passed to the towns of Phrygian Ida and Thracian Samos, that men now call Samothrace. 'Twas hence, from the Tuscan home of Corythus, he came, and now the golden palace of the starry sky admits him to a throne, and with his altars he increases the number of the gods.”

<sup>212</sup> He ceased, and Ilioneus followed thus : “ O King, illustrious seed of Faunus, no black storm hath tossed us on the waves and driven us to seek shelter in your lands, nor hath star or shore misled us in our course. Of set purpose and with willing hearts do we draw near to this thy city, exiled from a realm once the greatest that the sun beheld as he journeyed from the uttermost heaven. From Jove<sup>2</sup> is the origin of our race ; in Jove, as ancestor, the sons of

<sup>1</sup> cf. III. 134.

<sup>2</sup> Jupiter was father of Dardanus.

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gaudet avo, rex ipse Iovis de gente suprema : 220  
 Troius Aeneas tua nos ad limina misit.  
 quanta per Idaeos saevis effusa Mycenis  
 tempestas ierit campos, quibus actus uterque  
 Europae atque Asiae fatis concurrerit orbis,  
 audiit et si quem tellus extrema refuso 225  
 summovet Oceano et si quem extenta plagarum  
 quattuor in medio dirimit plaga Solis iniqui.  
 diluvio ex illo tot vasta per aequora vecti  
 dis sedem exiguum patriis litusque rogamus  
 innocuum et cunctis undamque auramque patentem.  
 non erimus regno indecores, nec vestra feretur 231  
 fama levis tantique abolescat gratia facti,  
 nec Troiam Ausonios gremio excepsisse pigebit.  
 fata per Aeneae iuro dextramque potentem,  
 sive fide seu quis bello est expertus et armis : 235  
 multi nos populi, multae (ne temne, quod ultro  
 praeferimus manibus vittas ac verba precantia)  
 et petiere sibi et voluere adiungere gentes ;  
 sed nos fata deum vestras exquirere terras  
 imperiis egere suis. hinc Dardanus ortus, 240  
 huc repetit, iussisque ingentibus urget Apollo  
 Tyrrhenum ad Thybrim et fontis vada sacra Numici.  
 dat tibi praeterea fortunae parva prioris  
 munera, reliquias Troia ex ardente receptas.  
 hoc pater Anchises auro libabat ad aras, 245  
 hoc Priami gestamen erat, cum iura vocatis

<sup>221</sup> mittit F.

<sup>224</sup> concurritur *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*: concurreret R.

<sup>226</sup> quam R.

<sup>232</sup> tantive R.

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Dardanus glory ; of Jove's supreme race is our king himself, Trojan Aeneas, who has sent us to thy doors. How fierce the storm that burst from cruel Mycenae and passed o'er the plains of Ida ; how, driven by fate, the two worlds of Europe and Asia clashed—has come to the ears of all, whom the farthest land where Ocean is flung back keeps far away, and of all whom the zone of the tyrannous sun, stretched mid-most of the four, severs from us.<sup>1</sup> From that deluge have we sailed o'er many waste seas, and now crave a scant home for our country's gods, a harmless landing-place, and air and water free to all. We shall be no shame to the realm, nor shall your renown be lightly told or the grace of such a deed grow faint, nor shall Ausonia repent of having welcomed Troy to her breast. By the fortunes of Aeneas I swear, and by his strong right hand, whether in loyalty or in war and arms it has been proved, many are the peoples, many the nations—scorn us not, that of ourselves we proffer garlands with our hands and address to you words of suppliance—who have sought us for themselves and craved our alliance ; but the will of heaven has forced us by its behests to seek out your shores. Hence was Dardanus sprung and hither he returns ;<sup>2</sup> while with high decrees Apollo urges us to Tuscan Tiber and the sacred waters of the Numician spring. Further, to thee our king offers these poor tokens of his former fortune—relics snatched from burning Troy. With this gold did his father Anchises pour libation at the altars ; this was Priam's array when after his wont

<sup>1</sup> Those who dwell farthest away on Atlantic shores, and those beyond the tropics, alike have heard.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. in the person of his descendants. Others make *Apollo* the subject of *repetit.*

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more daret populis, sceptrumque sacerque tiaras  
Iliadumque labor vestes." FMPRV

Talibus Ilionei dictis defixa Latinus  
obtutu tenet ora soloque immobilis haeret, 250  
intentos volvens oculos. nec purpura regem  
picta movet nec sceptra movent Priameia tantum,  
quantum in conubio natae thalamoque moratur,  
et veteris Fauni volvit sub pectore sortem :  
hunc illum fatis externa ab sede profectum 255  
portendi generum paribusque in regna vocari  
auspiciis, huic progeniem virtute futuram  
egregiam et totum quae viribus occupet orbem.  
tandem laetus ait : "di nostra incepta secundent  
auguriumque suum ! dabitur, Troiane, quod optas; 260  
munera nec sperno. non vobis, rege Latino,  
divitis uber agri Troiaeve opulentia deerit.  
ipse modo Aeneas, nostri si tanta cupido est,  
si iungi hospitio properat sociusque vocari,  
adveniat, voltus neve exhorrescat amicos : 265  
pars mihi pacis erit dextram tetigisse tyranni.  
vos contra regi mea nunc mandata referte.  
est mihi nata, viro gentis quam iungere nostrae  
non patrio ex adyto sortes, non plurima caelo  
monstra sinunt ; generos externis adfore ab oris, 270  
hoc Latio restare canunt, qui sanguine nostrum  
nomen in astra ferant. hunc illum poscere fata  
et reor et, si quid veri mens augurat, opto."

Haec effatus equos numero pater elit omni FMPRV  
(stabant ter centum nitidi in praesepibus altis); 275

<sup>254</sup> volvens *F<sup>1</sup>*.  
<sup>264</sup> sociusve *FRV*.

<sup>262</sup> Troiaeque *P<sup>2</sup>γ.*

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he gave laws to the assembled nations—the sceptre, the sacred diadem, and the robes wrought by Ilium's daughters."

<sup>249</sup> At these words of Ilioneus Latinus holds his face fixed in steady gaze downward, rolling the while his earnest eyes. Nor is it so much that the embroidered purple or the sceptre of Priam moves the king, as that he broods o'er his daughter's wedlock and bridal bed, and revolves in his breast the oracle of ancient Faunus. "This," he thought, "must be he who, coming from a stranger's home, is predestined by the fates as my son, and called to sovereignty with equal power; hence must come the offspring, glorious in valour, whose might is to master all the world." At last, in gladness, he speaks: "May the gods prosper our intent and their own prophecy! Trojan, thy wish shall be granted; nor do I spurn thy gifts. While Latinus is king, ye shall not lack the bounty of a fruitful soil, nor Troy's abundance. Only let Aeneas, if so he longs for us, if he be eager to join us in amity and be called our ally, let him come in person and shrink not from friendly eyes. To me it shall be a term of the peace to have touched your sovereign's hand! Do ye now in turn take back to the king my answer: I have a daughter whom oracles from my father's shrine and countless prodigies from heaven suffer me not to unite to a bridegroom of our race; sons shall come from shores of strangers—such destiny, they foretell, awaits Latium—whose blood shall exalt our name to the stars. That this is he on whom fate calls, I both think, and, if my soul forebodes aught of truth, him I choose."

<sup>274</sup> With these words the old king picks out horses from all his number—three hundred stood sleek in

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omnibus extemps Teucris iubet ordine duci  
 instratos ostro alipedes pictisque tapetis      FMR  
 (aurea pectoribus demissa monilia pendent,  
 tecti auro fulvum mandunt sub dentibus aurum),  
 absenti Aeneae currum geminosque iugalis      280  
 semine ab aetherio, spirantis naribus ignem,  
 illorum de gente, patri quos daedala Circe  
 supposita de matre nothos furata creavit.  
 talibus Aeneadae donis dictisque Latini  
 sublimes in equis redeunt pacemque reportant.      285

Ecce autem Inachiis sese referebat ab Argis  
 saeva Iovis coniunx aurasque inventa tenebat,  
 et laetum Aenean classemque ex aethere longe  
 Dardaniam Siculo prospexit ab usque Pachyno.  
 moliri iam tecta videt, iam fidere terrae,      290  
 deseruisse rates : stetit acri fixa dolore.  
 tum quassans caput haec effundit pectore dicta :  
 " heu stirpem invisam et fatis contraria nostris  
 fata Phrygum ! num Sigeis occumbere campis,  
 num capti potuere capi ? num incensa cremavit      295  
 Troia viros ? medias acies mediosque per ignis  
 invenere viam. at, credo, mea numina tandem  
 fessa iacent, odiis aut exsaturata quievi.  
 quin etiam patria excusso infesta pér undas  
 ausa sequi et profugis toto me opponere ponto :      300  
 absumptae in Teucros vires caelique marisque.  
 quid Syrtes aut Scylla mihi, quid vasta Charybdis

<sup>281</sup> flagrantis *F.*

<sup>288</sup> longo *M.*

<sup>295</sup> nunc capti *M.*

<sup>298</sup> aut] haud *M<sup>1</sup>.*

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their high stalls. At once for all the Teucrians in order he commands them to be led forth, fleet of foot and caparisoned with purple and embroidered housings. Golden are the chains that hang drooping from their breasts, of gold are their trappings, and yellow gold they champ with their teeth. For the absent Aeneas he chooses a car and twin coursers of ethereal seed, breathing fire from their nostrils, and sprung from the stock of those steeds which cunning Circe, stealing them from her sire, bred bastard from the mare she had mated.<sup>1</sup> With such words and gifts from Latinus, the sons of Aeneas, mounted on their horses, return carrying back peace.

286 But lo ! the fierce wife of Jove was faring back from Argos, city of Inachus, holding her airy flight ; and from the sky afar, even from Sicilian Pachynus, she espied the rejoicing Aeneas and his Dardan fleet. She sees them already building a home, already trusting in the land, their ships deserted. She stopped, pierced with sharp grief; then, shaking her head, pours forth from her breast these words : "Ah! hated race, and Phrygian fates, that cross my own ! Could they perish on the Sigean plains ? Could they, captured, suffer captivity ? Did the fires of Troy consume them ? Lo ! through the midst of armies, through the midst of flames, they have found a way. But, methinks, my power at last lies outworn ; or my wrath is sated, and I rest ! Nay more, when they were hurled forth from their country, with my vengeance I dared to follow the exiles through the waves and confront them o'er all the deep : against the Teucrians has been spent all the power of sea and sky. Yet what have the Syrtes availed me, or Scylla,

<sup>1</sup> Circe was daughter of the Sun, whose horses were immortal, while her mare was of mortal stock.

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profuit? optato conduntur Thybridis alveo,  
securi pelagi atque mei. Mars perdere gentem  
immanem Lapithum valuit, concessit in iras      305  
ipse deum antiquam genitor Calydonia Diana,  
quod scelus aut Lapithas tantum aut Calydonia  
merentem?

ast ego, magna Iovis coniunx, nil linquere inausum  
quae potui infelix, quae memet in omnia verti,  
vincor ab Aenea. quod si mea numina non sunt      310  
magna satis, dubitem haud equidem implorare.  
quod usquam est.

flectere si nequeo superos, Acheronta movebo.  
non dabitur regnis, esto, prohibere Latinis,  
atque immota manet fatis Lavinia coniunx:  
at trahere atque moras tantis licet addere rebus,      315  
at licet amborum populos exscindere regum.  
hac gener atque socer coeant mercede suorum.  
sanguine Troiano et Rutulo dotabere, virgo,  
et Bellona manet te pronuba. nec face tantum  
Cisseis praegnas ignis enixa iugalis,      320  
quin idem Veneri partus suus et Paris alter,  
funestaeque iterum recidiva in Pergama taedae."

Haec ubi dicta dedit, terras horrenda petivit;  
luctificam Allecto dirarum ab sede dearum  
infernisque ciet tenebris, cui tristia bella      325  
iraeque insidiaequa et crima noxia cordi.      FMRV  
odit et ipse pater Pluton, odere sorores  
Tartareae monstrum: tot sese vertit in ora,

<sup>307</sup> Capithis *M<sup>1</sup>*: Lapithas *M<sup>2</sup>*. Calydone *M<sup>1</sup>R*: Calydo *F<sup>1</sup>*.  
merente *F*: merentes *M<sup>1</sup>*: merente *R*: *Servius and Priscian prefer the ablatives.*      <sup>310</sup> vincar *M<sup>1</sup>*.  
<sup>311</sup> est omitted by *M<sup>1</sup>*.      <sup>317</sup> hac] at *M*.      <sup>324</sup> sororum *M<sup>2</sup>R<sup>2</sup>*.

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what yawning Charybdis? They find shelter in Tiber's longed-for channel, careless of ocean and of me. Mars could destroy the Lapiths' giant race; the very father of the gods yielded ancient Calydon to Diana's wrath;<sup>1</sup> though for what heinous sin did Lapiths or Calydon merit such penalty? But I, Jove's mighty consort, who have endured, alas! to leave naught undared, who have turned me to every shift, I am worsted by Aeneas! But if my powers be not strong enough, surely I need not be slow to seek succour wherever it may be; if Heaven I can not bend, then Hell I will arouse! Not mine will it be—I grant it—to keep him from the crown of Latium, and by fate Lavinia abides immovably his bride; yet to put off the hour and to bring delay to such great issues—that may I do; yet may I uproot the nation of either king. At such price of their people's lives be father and son-in-law united! Blood of Trojan and Rutulian shall be thy dower, maiden, and Bellona awaits thee as thy bridal matron. Nor did Cisseus' daughter alone conceive a firebrand and give birth to nuptial flames.<sup>2</sup> Nay, Venus has the like in her own child, a second Paris, another funeral torch for reborn Troy."

<sup>323</sup> These words uttered, she with awful mien passed to earth, and calls baleful Allecto from the home of the Dread Goddesses and the infernal shades—Allecto, whose heart is set on gloomy wars, passions, plots and baneful crimes. Hateful is the monster even to her sire Pluto, hateful to her Tartarean sisters; so many are the forms she assumes, so savage

<sup>1</sup> The wild boar of Calydon ravaged the land because Oeneus, the king, had neglected sacrifice to Diana.

<sup>2</sup> Hecuba, before bearing Paris, dreamed that she would give birth to a firebrand.

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tam saevae facies, tot pullulat atra colubris.  
 quam Juno his acutis verbis ac talia fatur : MRV  
 "hunc mihi da proprium, virgo sata Nocte, laborem,  
 hanc operam, ne noster honos infractave cedat  
 fama loco, neu conubiis ambire Latinum  
 Aeneadae possint Italosve obsidere finis.

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tu potes unanimos armare in proelia fratres  
 atque odiis versare domos, tu verbera tectis  
 funereasque inferre faces, tibi nomina mille,  
 mille nocendi artes. fecundum concute pectus,  
 disice compositam pacem, sere crimina belli ;  
 arma velit poscatque simul rapiatque iuventus." 340

Exim Gorgoneis Allecto infecta venenis  
 principio Latium et Laurentis tecta tyranni  
 celsa petit, tacitumque obsedit limen Amatae,  
 quam super adventu Teucrum Turnique hymenaeis  
 femineae ardenter curaeque iraeque coquebant. 345  
 huic dea caeruleis unum de crinibus anguum  
 conicit, inque sinum praecordia ad intima subdit,  
 quo furibunda domum monstro permisceat omnem.  
 ille inter vestis et levia pectora lapsus  
 volvitur attactu nullo fallitque furentem, 350  
 vipereum inspirans animam ; fit tortile collo  
 aurum ingens coluber, fit longae taenia vittae, MR  
 innectitque comas et membris lubricus errat.  
 ac dum prima lues udo sublapsa veneno  
 pertemptat sensus atque ossibus implicat ignem, 355  
 necdum animus toto percepit pectore flamمام,  
 mollius et solito matrum de more locuta est,  
 multa super natae lacrimans Phrygiisque hymenaeis :

<sup>330</sup> verbis] dictis *Ry.* <sup>337</sup> -que omitted by *V.*

<sup>351</sup> spirans *MV.* <sup>357</sup> est omitted by *Mγ<sup>1</sup>.* <sup>358</sup> nata *R.*

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their aspect, so thick her black upsprouting vipers.<sup>1</sup> Her Juno inflames with these words, speaking thus : “Grant me, maiden daughter of Night, this service, a boon all my own, that my honour and glory yield not o'ermastered, that the sons of Aeneas be not able to cajole Latinus with wedlock or beset the borders of Italy. Thou canst arm for strife brothers of one soul, and overturn homes with hate ; thou canst bring under the roof the lash and funeral torch ; thou hast a thousand names, a thousand means of ill. Rouse thy fertile bosom, shatter the pact of peace, sow seeds of wicked war ! In the same hour let the men crave, demand, and seize the sword !”

<sup>341</sup> Thereon Allecto, steeped in Gorgonian venom, first seeks Latium and the high halls of the Laurentine king, and sits down before the silent threshold of Amata, who, with a woman's distress, a woman's passion, was seething with frenzy over the Teucrian's coming and Turnus' marriage. On her the goddess flings a snake from her dusky tresses, and thrusts it into her bosom, into her inmost heart, that maddened by the pest she may embroil all the house. Gliding between her raiment and smooth breasts, it winds its way unfelt, and, unseen by the frenzied woman, breathes into her its viperous breath. The huge snake becomes the collar of twisted gold about her neck, becomes the festoon of the long fillet, entwines itself into her hair, and slides smoothly over her limbs. And while first the taint, stealing on in fluent poison, thrills her senses and wraps her bones with fire, nor yet her soul has caught the flame throughout her breast, softly, and as mothers are wont, she spoke, shedding many a tear over her daughter's and the Phrygian's wed-

<sup>1</sup> The Furies are commonly represented with snakes for hair.

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“exsulibusne datur ducenda Lavinia Teucris,  
o genitor? nec te miseret gnataeque tuique? 360  
nec matris miseret, quam primo Aquilone relinquet  
perfidus alta petens abducta virgine praedo?  
an non sic Phrygius penetrat Lacedaemona pastor  
Ledaeanque Helenam Troianas vexit ad urbes?  
quid tua sancta fides? quid cura antiqua tuorum 365  
et consanguineo totiens data dextera Turno?  
si gener externa petitur de gente Latinis  
idque sedet, Faunique premunt te iussa parentis,  
omnem equidem sceptris terram quae libera nostris  
dissidet, externam reor et sic dicere divos. 370  
et Turno, si prima domus repetatur origo,  
Inachus Acrisiusque patres mediaeque Mycenae.”

His ubi neququam dictis experta Latinum  
contra stare videt, penitusque in viscera lapsum  
serpentis furiale malum totamque pererrat, 375  
tum vero infelix, ingentibus excita monstris,  
immensam sine more fuit lymphata per urbem.  
ceu quondam torto volitans sub verbere turbo,  
quem pueri magno in gyro vacua atria circum  
intenti ludo exercent (ille actus habena 380  
curvatis fertur spatiis; stupet inscia supra  
inpubesque manus, mirata volubile buxum;  
dant animos plagae), non cursu segnior illo  
per medias urbes agitur populosque ferocis.  
quin etiam in silvas, simulato numine Bacchi, 385

<sup>363</sup> at non *Iγ*.      <sup>370</sup> dicere] poscere *M<sup>1</sup>γ<sup>2</sup>*.      <sup>385</sup> silvis *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>1</sup> Paris was brought up as a shepherd on Mount Ida.

<sup>2</sup> Turnus was descended from the kings of Argos through the daughter of Acrisius, Danaë, who came to Italy, founded 28

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lock : “ Is it to exiled Teucrians Lavinia is given as wife, O father ? and hast thou no pity on thy daughter and thyself ? no pity on her mother, whom with the first North wind the faithless pirate will desert, steering for the deep with a maid as booty ? Or, was it not thus that the Phrygian shepherd<sup>1</sup> entered Lacedaemon and bore off Leda’s Helen to Trojan towns ? What of thy solemn pledge ? What of thine old love for thine own, and the hand so oft pledged to Turnus, thy kin ? If for Latins a son be sought of strangers’ stock, and if that be fixed, and the commands of thy sire Faunus weigh upon thee, then I hold that every land, free and separate from our rule, is strange, and that such is the word of the gods. Turnus, too, if the first origin of his house be traced back, has ancestry in Inachus and Acrisius and mid-most Mycenae.”<sup>2</sup>

373 When, after such vain trial with words, she sees Latinus stand firm against her—when the serpent’s maddening venom has glided deep into her veins and courses through her whole frame—then, indeed, the luckless queen, stung by monstrous horrors, in wild frenzy rages from end to end of the city. As at times a top, spinning under the twisted lash, which boys intent on the game drive in a great circle through an empty court—urged by the whip it speeds on round after round ; the puzzled, childish throng hang over it in wonder, marvelling at the whirling box-wood ; the blows give it life : so, with course no slacker, is she driven through the midst of cities and proud peoples. Nay, feigning the spirit of Bacchus, essaying a greater sin and launching a

Ardea, and married Pilumnus. Mycenae is regarded as in the centre of Greece.

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maius adorta nefas maioremque orsa furorem,  
 evolat et natam frondosis montibus abdit,  
 quo thalamum eripiat Teucris taedasque moretur,  
 euhoe Bacche fremens, solum te virgine dignum  
 ➤ vociferans ; etenim mollis tibi sumere thyrsos,      390  
 te lustrare choro, sacrum tibi pascere crinem.  
 fama volat, furiisque accensa, pectore matres  
 idem omnis simul ardor agit nova quaerere tecta.  
 deseruere domos, ventis dant colla comasque ;  
 ast aliae tremulis ululatibus aethera complent      395  
 pampineasque gerunt incinctae pellibus hastas.  
 ipsa inter medias flagrantem fervida pinum  
 sustinet ac natae Turnique canit hymenaeos,  
 sanguineam torquens aciem, torvumque repente  
 clamat : "io matres, audite, ubi quaeque, Latinae : 400  
 si qua piis animis manet infelicis Amatae  
 gratia, si iuris materni cura remordet,  
 solvite crinalis vittas, capite orgia mecum."  
 talem inter silvas, inter deserta ferarum      MRV  
 reginam Allecto stimulis agit undique Bacchi.      405

Postquam visa satis primos acuisse furores  
 consiliumque omnemque domum vertisse Latini,  
 protinus hinc fuscis tristis dea tollitur alis  
 audacis Rutuli ad muros, quam dicitur urbem  
 Acrisioneis Danae fundasse colonis,      410  
 praecipiti delata Noto. locus Ardea quondam  
 dictus avis : et nunc magnum manet Ardea nomen,  
 sed fortuna fuit. tectis hic Turnus in altis  
 iam medium nigra carpebat nocte quietem.

<sup>391</sup> choros *M<sup>2</sup>R.*

<sup>412</sup> tenet *M<sup>2</sup>R.*, *Servius.*

<sup>395</sup> illae *M<sup>2</sup>.*

<sup>413</sup> hic tectis *V.*

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greater madness, forth she flies to the forest, and hides her daughter in the leafy mountains, thereby to rob the Teucrians of their marriage and delay the nuptial torch. "Evoe Bacchus!" she shrieks. "Thou alone," thus she shouts, "art worthy of the maiden! For thee, in truth, she takes up the waving thyrsus, to thee she pays honour in the dance, for thee she grows her sacred tresses." Fame flies abroad, and the matrons, their breasts kindled with fury, are driven on, all by the same frenzy, to seek new dwellings. They have left their homes, and bare neck and hair to the winds, while some fill the sky with tremulous shrieks and, clad in fawn-skins, carry vine-bound spears. Herself in the centre, the infuriate queen uplifts a blazing brand of pine and sings the marriage-song of her daughter and Turnus, rolling the while blood-shot eyes; then of a sudden she fiercely shouts: "Ho! mothers of Latium, give ear, where'er ye be! If in your loyal hearts still lives affection for unhappy Amata, if care for a mother's rights stings your souls, doff the fillets from your hair, join the revels with me!" Such is the queen, as amid woods, amid wild beasts' coverts, Allecto drives her far and wide with Bacchic goad.

<sup>406</sup> Soon as she deemed that she had whetted enough the first shafts of frenzy, and had upturned the purpose and all the palace of Latinus, forthwith the gloomy goddess flies hence on dusky wings to the walls of the bold Rutulian, the city which, Danaë, they say, thither borne by the headlong South, built with her Acrisian settlers.<sup>1</sup> The place was once called Ardea by our sires, and still stands Ardea, a mighty name, but its fortune is fled. Here, in his high palace, Turnus, at dead of night, was in

<sup>1</sup> cf. 372 and note.

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Allecto torvam faciem et furialia membra                          415  
 exuit, in voltus sese transformat anilis  
 et frontem obscenam rugis arat, induit albos  
 cum vitta crinis, tum ramum innectit olivae ;  
 fit Calybe Iunonis anus templique sacerdos,  
 et iuveni ante oculos his se cum vocibus offert :    420  
 “ Turne, tot incassum fusos patiere labores,  
 et tua Dardaniis transcribi sceptr'a colonis ?  
 rex tibi coniugium et quae sitas sanguine dotes  
 abnegat, externusque in regnum quaeritur heres.  
 i nunc, ingratis offer te, inrise, periclis ;                          425  
 Tyrrhenas, i, sterne acies, tege pace Latinos.  
 haec adeo tibi me, placida cum nocte iaceres,  
 ipsa palam fari omnipotens Saturnia iussit.                          FMRV  
 quare age et armari pubem portisque moveri                          [FMR  
 laetus in arma para, et Phrygios qui flumine pulchro  
 consedere duces pictasque exure carinas.                          431  
 caelestum vis magna iubet. rex ipse Latinus,  
 ni dare coniugium et dicto parere fatetur,  
 sentiat et tandem Turnum experiatur in armis.”

Hic iuvenis, vatem inridens, sic orsa vicissim    435  
 ore refert : “ classis in vectas Thybridis undam  
 non, ut rere, meas effugit nuntius auris ;  
 ne tantos mihi finge metus ; nec regia Iuno  
 immemor est nostri.

sed te victa situ verique effeta senectus,                          440  
 o mater, curis neququam exercet, et arma  
 regum inter falsa vatem formidine ludit.  
 cura tibi divom effigies et templa tueri ;  
 bella viri pacemque gerent, quis bella gerenda.”

<sup>430</sup> iube M.      <sup>436</sup> undam] alveo M<sup>2</sup>R.      <sup>444</sup> gerant M.

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the midst of slumbers. Allecto puts off her grim features and fiendish limbs, transforms herself to an old dame's face, furrows her loathly brow with wrinkles, assumes hoary locks and fillet, next entwines them with an olive spray, and becomes Calybe, aged priestess of Juno's temple, then, with these words, presents herself to the young man's eyes : " Turnus, wilt thou brook all these toils poured forth in vain, and thy sceptre transferred to Dardan settlers ? The king denies thee thy bride and the dower thy blood has won, and a stranger is sought as heir to thy throne. Go now, confront thankless perils, thou scorned one : go, lay low the Tuscan ranks ; shield the Latins with peace. This it was that, in very presence, Saturn's almighty daughter bade me say to thee, as thou wert lying in the stillness of night. Rise then, and gladly make ready the arming of thy youth, and their march from the gates to battle. Consume the Phrygian chiefs, who are anchored in our fair stream, and burn their painted ships. The mighty power of the gods commands. Let King Latinus himself, unless he consent to give thee thy bride, and stand by his word, know of it, and at last make proof of Turnus as a foe."

<sup>435</sup> Hereon, the youth, mocking at the seer, thus in turn takes up the speech : " That a fleet has entered Tiber's waters, the tale has not, as thou deemest, escaped my ear--feign not for me such terrors--nor is Queen Juno unmindful of me. But thee, O mother, old age, enfeebled by decay and barren of truth, frets with vain distress, and amid the feuds of kings mocks thy prophetic soul with false alarms. Thy charge it is to keep the gods' images and temples ; war and peace they shall wield, whose work war is."

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Talibus Allecto dictis exarsit in iras. 445  
 at iuveni oranti subitus tremor occupat artus,  
 deriguere oculi : tot Erinys sibilat hydris  
 tantaque se facies aperit. tum flammea torquens  
 lumina cunctantem et quaerentem dicere plura  
 reppulit et geminos erexit crinibus anguis, 450  
 verberaque insonuit rabidoque haec addidit ore :  
 "en ego victa situ, quam veri effeta senectus  
 arma inter regum falsa formidine ludit.  
 respice ad haec : adsum dirarum ab sede sororum,  
 bella manu letumque gero." 455

Sic effata facem iuveni coniecit et atro  
 lumine fumantis fixit sub pectore taedas.  
 olli somnum ingens rumpit pavor, ossaque et artus  
 perfundit toto proruptus corpore sudor.  
 arma amens fremit, arma toro tectisque requirit ; 460  
 saevit amor ferri et scelerata insania belli,  
 ira super : magno veluti cum flamma sonore  
 virgea suggeritur costis undantis aëni  
 exsultantque aestu latices, furit intus aquai  
 fumidus atque alte spumis exuberat amnis, 465  
 nec iam se capit unda, volat vapor ater ad auras.  
 ergo iter ad regem polluta pace Latinum  
 indicit primis iuvenum et iubet arma parari,  
 tutari Italiam, detrudere finibus hostem ;  
 se satis ambobus Teucrisque venire Latinisque. MR  
 haec ubi dicta dedit divosque in vota vocavit, 471  
 certatim sese Rutuli exhortantur in arma.  
 hunc decus egregium formae movet atque iuventae,  
 hunc atavi reges, hunc claris dextera factis.

451 rapido *F*<sup>γ</sup><sup>1</sup>.459 perfundit *M.* praeruptus *F*<sup>γ</sup><sup>1</sup>.464 aquae vis *Fr.*, *Macrobius* : aquai, according to *Servius*, was introduced by *Tucca* and *Varius* for the original aquae amnis.

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<sup>445</sup> At such words Allecto blazed forth in fury. But even as the youth spoke, a sudden tremor seized his limbs, and his eyes were set in fear; so many are the Fury's hissing snakes, so monstrous the features that unfold themselves. Then, rolling her flaming eyes, she thrust him back, as he faltered and was fain to say more, reared two snakes from her tresses, sounded her whip, and spoke further with rabid lips: "Behold me, enfeebled by decay, whom old age, barren of truth, amid the feuds of kings, mocks with vain alarm! Look on this! I am come from the home of the Dread Sisters, and in my hand I bear war and death."

<sup>456</sup> So saying, she hurled at the youth a torch, and fixed in his breast the brand, smoking with lurid light. A monstrous terror broke his sleep, and the sweat, bursting forth from all his frame, drenched bone and limb. For arms he madly shrieks; arms he seeks in couch and chamber; lust of the sword rages in him, the accursed frenzy of war, and resentment crowning all: even as when flaming sticks, loud crackling, are heaped under the ribs of a billowing cauldron, and the waters dance with the heat; within seethes the liquid flood, steaming and bubbling up high with foam; and now the wave contains itself no longer, and the black smoke soars aloft. Therefore, profaning peace, he orders his chief warriors to march upon Latinus, and bids arms be made ready. "Defend Italy," he cries, "drive the foe from her bounds; I come, a match for both Teucrians and Latins." When thus he spake, and called the gods to hear his vows, the Rutuli vie in exhorting one another to arms. One is moved by the peerless beauty of his form and youth, one by his royal ancestry, another by the glorious deeds of his hand.

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Dum Turnus Rutulos animis audacibus implet, 475  
 Allecto in Teucros Stygiis se concitat alis.  
 arte nova speculata locum, quo litore pulcher  
 insidiis cursuque feras agitabat Iulus.  
 hic subitam canibus rabiem Cocytia virgo  
 obicit et noto naris contingit odore, 480  
 ut cervum ardentes agerent; quae prima laborum  
 causa fuit belloque animos accendit agrestis. MRV  
 cervus erat forma praestanti et cornibus ingens,  
 Tyrrhidae pueri quem matris ab ubere raptum  
 nutribant Tyrrhusque pater, cui regia parent 485  
 armenta et late custodia credita campi. FMRV  
 adsuetum imperiis soror omni Silvia cura  
 mollibus intexens ornabat cornua sertis,  
 pectebatque ferum puroque in fonte lavabat.  
 ille, manum patiens mensaeque adsuetus erili, 490  
 errabat silvis rursusque ad limina nota  
 ipse domum sera quamvis se nocte ferebat.

Hunc procul errantem rabidae venantis Iuli  
 commovere canes, fluvio cum forte secundo  
 deflueret ripaque aestus viridante levaret. 495  
 ipse etiam, eximiae laudis succensus amore,  
 Ascanius curvo direxit spicula cornu;  
 nec dextrae erranti deus afuit actaque multo  
 perque uterum sonitu perque ilia venit harundo.  
 saucus at quadrupes nota intra tecta refugit 500  
 successitque gemens stabulis, questuque cruentus  
 atque imploranti similis tectum omne replebat.  
 Silvia prima soror, palmis percussa lacertos,  
 auxilium vocat et duros conclamat agrestis.  
 olli (pestis enim tacitis latet aspera silvis) 505

<sup>481</sup> malorum *M<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>486</sup> lati *F<sup>1</sup>M<sup>1</sup>RV*.

<sup>490</sup> manu *FM<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>497</sup> derexit *F<sup>1</sup>R<sup>1</sup><sub>Y</sub>*.

<sup>498</sup> dextra *M*.

<sup>502</sup> replevit *RV*.

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475 While Turnus fills the Rutuli with daring courage, Allecto on Stygian wing speeds toward the Trojans, with new wiles spying out the place, where, on the shore, fair Iulus was hunting wild beasts with nets and steeds. Here the hellish maid flings upon his hounds a sudden frenzy, and touches their nostrils with the well-known scent, so that in hot haste they course a stag. This was the first source of ill; this first kindled the rustic spirit to war. There was a stag of wondrous beauty and mighty antlers, which, torn from the mother's breast, the sons of Tyrrhus nurtured, and Tyrrhus, their sire, controller of the royal herds, and charged with care of pastures near and far. Their sister Silvia had trained him to obey, and with constant love she adorned him, twining his horns with soft garlands, combing the wild thing's coat, and laving him in the crystal spring. He, patient of her hand, and accustomed to his master's board, roved the woods, and of his own accord betook himself home again to the well-known door, howe'er late the night.

493 While far afield the stag was straying, the maddened hounds of the huntsman Iulus started him, as haply he floated down stream and cooled his heat on the grassy bank. Ascanius himself, too, fired with longing for chiefest honour, aimed a shaft from his bent bow, nor did the goddess fail his faltering hand; the reed sped with a loud whiz, and pierced belly and flank alike. But the wounded creature fled under the familiar roof, and moaning crept into his stall, where, bleeding and suppliant-like, he filled all the house with his plaints. First Silvia the sister, beating her arms with her hands, calls for help and summons the hardy country-folk. They—for the fell fiend lurks in the silent woods—

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improvisi adsunt, hic torre armatus obusto,  
 stipitis hic gravidi nodis ; quod cuique repertum  
 rimanti, telum ira facit. vocat agmina Tyrrhus, **FMR**  
 quadrifidam quercum cuneis ut forte coactis  
 scindebant, rapta spirans immane securi. **MR**

At saeva e speculis tempus dea nacta nocendi 511  
 ardua tecta petit stabuli et de culmine summo  
 pastorale canit signum cornuque recurvo  
 Tartaream intendit vocem, qua protinus omne  
 contremuit nemus et silvae insonuere profundae ; 515  
 audiit et Triviae longe lacus, audiit amnis  
 sulpurea Nar albus aqua fontesque Velini,  
 et trepidae matres pressere ad pectora natos.  
 tum vero ad vocem celeres, qua bucina signum  
 dira dedit, raptis concurrunt undique telis 520  
 indomiti agricolae, nec non et Troia pubes  
 Ascanio auxilium castris effundit apertis.  
 derexere acies. non iam certamine agresti,  
 stipibus duris agitur sudibusve praeustis,  
 sed ferro ancipiti decernunt atraque late 525  
 horrescit strictis seges ensibus aeraque fulgent  
 sole lacepsita et lucem sub nubila iactant :  
 fluctus uti primo coepit cum albescere vento,  
 paulatim sese tollit mare et altius undas  
 erigit, inde imo consurgit ad aethera fundo. 530  
 hic iuvenis primam ante aciem stridente sagitta,  
 natorum Tyrrhi fuerat qui maximus, Almo,  
 sternitur ; haesit enim sub gutture volnus et udae  
 vocis iter tenuemque inclusit sanguine vitam.

<sup>510</sup> scindebant *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>511</sup> nancta *R.*

<sup>514</sup> incendit *M<sup>1</sup>R<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>523</sup> direxere *R<sup>γ</sup>.*

<sup>528</sup> ponto *MR.*

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came unlooked for, armed one with seared brand, one with heavy-knotted stick ; what each can find in his quest, wrath makes a weapon. Tyrrhus summons his bands, snatching up an axe and breathing savage rage,—for then by chance he was cleaving an oak in four with inward driven wedges.

511 But the cruel goddess, espying from her watch-tower the moment of mischief, seeks the steep farm-roof, and from the topmost ridge sounds the shepherds' call, and on the twisted horn strains her hellish voice, whereat forthwith every grove trembled, and the woods echoed to their depths. It was heard by Trivia's lake afar,<sup>1</sup> heard by Nar with his white sulphurous water, and by the springs of Velinus ; and startled mothers clasped their children to their breasts. Then indeed, hurrying to the sound, wherewith the dread clarion gave the signal, the wild husbandmen snatch up their weapons and gather from all sides ; no less the Trojan youth pour through the camp's open gates their succour for Ascanius. The lines are ranged : not now do they contend in rustic quarrel with heavy clubs or seared stakes, but with two-edged steel they try the issue ; far and wide bristles a dark harvest of drawn swords, while brass shines at the challenge of the sun and flings its light to the clouds : as when a billow begins to whiten under the wind's first breath, little by little the sea swells and lifts its waves higher, till at last it rises to heaven from its lowest depths. Here in the front rank, young Almo, who had been eldest of Tyrrhus' sons, is laid low ; for the wound was fixed beneath his throat, choking with blood the path of liquid

<sup>1</sup> The famous and beautiful Lago di Nemi, beside which was a grove of Diana.

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corpora multa virum circa seniorque Galaesus, 535  
 dum paci medium se offert, iustissimus unus  
 qui fuit Ausoniisque olim ditissimus arvis :  
 quinque greges illi balantum, quina redibant  
 armenta, et terram centum vertebat aratris.

Atque ea per campos aequo dum Marte geruntur,  
 promissi dea facta potens, ubi sanguine bellum 541  
 imbuit et primae commisit funera pugnae,  
 deserit Hesperiam et caeli conversa per auras  
 Iunonem victrix adfatur voce superba :  
 "en, perfecta tibi bello discordia tristi ! 545  
 dic, in amicitiam coeant et foedera iungant,  
 quandoquidem Ausonio respersi sanguine Teucros.  
 hoc etiam his addam, tua si mihi certa voluntas :  
 finitimas in bella feram rumoribus urbes,  
 accendamque animos insani Martis amore, 550  
 undique ut auxilio veniant ; spargam arma per agros."  
 tum contra Iuno : "terrorum et fraudis abunde est.  
 stant belli causae, pugnatur comminus armis,  
 quae fors prima dedit, sanguis novus imbuit arma.  
 talia coniugia et talis celebrent hymenaeos 555  
 egregium Veneris genus et rex ipse Latinus.  
 te super aetherias errare licentius auras  
 haud pater ille velit, summi regnator Olympi.  
 cede locis. ego, si qua super fortuna laborum est,  
 ipsa regam." talis dederat Saturnia voces : 560  
 illa autem attollit stridentis anguibus alas,  
 Cocytique petit sedem, supera ardua linquens.  
 est locus Italiae medio sub montibus altis,  
 nobilis et fama multis memoratus in oris,

<sup>548</sup> conversa *M<sup>1</sup>*: convexa *M<sup>2</sup>R*, *Donatus*, *Servius*.

<sup>562</sup> super *MK*.

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speech and the slender breath. Around him lie many dead, and among them old Galaesus, slain as he throws himself between to plead for peace—he who was of all men most righteous and erstwhile wealthiest in Ausonia's fields ; for him five flocks bleated, five herds came back from pasture, and a hundred ploughs upturned the soil.

540 While thus o'er the plains they fight with doubtful issue, the goddess, her promise fulfilled, when once she has stained with blood and opened with death the first encounter, quits Hesperia, and turning away through the air of heaven, addresses Juno in haughty tones of triumph : “ Lo, at thy will, discord is ripened into gloomy war. Bid them unite in friendship and join alliance, seeing that I have sprinkled the Teuerians with Ausonian blood. Moreover, this will I add, if I am assured of thy wish : with rumours I will draw bordering towns to battle, and will kindle their minds with lust of maddening war, that from all sides they may come to aid ; I will sow the land with arms.” Then Juno, in answer : “ Enough of alarms and treachery ; sure are the causes of war ; man with man they fight in arms, and the arms that chance first brought, fresh blood now stains. Such be the alliance, such the bridal they solemnize—this peerless son of Venus, and this great king Latinus ! That thou shouldst roam too freely in the upper air, the mighty sire, sovereign of high Olympus, would not suffer. Give place ; whatsoever may yet chance in the struggle, that I myself will sway.” So spake Saturn's daughter ; but the other raises her serpent-hissing pinions, and leaving the heights above, seeks her home in Cocytus. There is a place in the heart of Italy, beneath high hills, renowned and famed in

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Ampsancti valles ; densis hunc frondibus atrum 565  
 urget utrimque latus nemoris, medioque fragosus  
 dat sonitum saxis et torto vertice torrens.  
 hic specus horrendum et saevi spiracula Ditis  
 monstrantur, ruptoque ingens Acheronte vorago  
 pestiferas aperit fauces, quis condit Eriny<sup>s</sup> 570  
 invisum numen, terras caelumque levabat.

Nec minus interea extremam Saturnia bello  
 imponit regina manum. ruit omnis in urbem  
 pastorum ex acie numerus caesosque reportant  
 Almonem puerum, foedatique ora Galaesi, 575  
 implorantque deos obtestanturque Latinum.  
 Turnus adest medioque in crimine caedis et igni  
 terrorem irigeminat : Teucros in regna vocari,  
 stirpem admisceri Phrygiam, se limine pelli.  
 tum, quorum attonitae Baccho nemora avia matres 580  
 insultant thiasis (neque enim leve nomen Amatae)  
 undique collecti coeunt Martemque fatigant.  
 ilicet infandum cuncti contra omina bellum,  
 contra fata deum, perverso numine poscunt.  
 certatim regis circumstant tecta Latini : 585  
 ille velut pelagi rupes immota resistit,  
 ut pelagi rupes magno veniente fragore,  
 quae sese, multis circum latrantibus undis,  
 mole tenet ; scopuli nequ quam et spumea circum  
 saxa fremunt laterique inlisa refunditur alga. 590  
 verum ubi nulla datur caecum exsuperare potestas  
 consilium, et saevaet nutu Iunonis eunt res,  
 multa deos aurasque pater testatus inanis : [FMRV  
 “frangimur heu ! fatis,” inquit, “ferimurque procella.

<sup>565</sup> amsancti γ: Ampsacti M: Amfracti R: amsancti b,  
*Servius.*

<sup>570</sup> condit Mγ, known to *Servius*; condita R, commonly read.

<sup>571</sup> levavit R. <sup>589</sup> et omitted M<sup>2</sup> V.

<sup>592</sup> consilio M<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>593</sup> testatur MRγ.

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many lands, the Vale of Ampsanctus. On either hand a forest's fringe, dark with dense leafage, hemis it in, and in the centre a roaring torrent resounds o'er the rocks in swirling eddies. Here is shown an awful cavern, and a breathing-place of horrid Dis ; and a vast gorge, whence Acheron bursts forth, opens its pestilential jaws. Herein the Fury hid her loathed power, relieving earth and heaven.

<sup>572</sup> No less meanwhile does Saturn's royal daughter put a final hand to the war. From the battle-field there pours into the city the whole company of shepherds, bearing back the slain—the boy Almo, and Galaesus with mangled face—calling on the gods and adjuring Latinus. Turnus is there, and amid the outcry at the slaughter, and fire of passion, redoubles terror : “Teucrians are called to reign ; a Phrygian stock mingles its taint ; I am spurned from the door !” Then they, whose mothers, frenzied by Bacchus, tread the pathless woods in dancing bands (for of no light weight is Amata's name) draw together from every side, and importune the War-god. Straightway, one and all, despite the omens, despite the oracles of gods, with will perverse, clamour for unholy war. With emulous zeal they swarm round Latinus' palace. He, like an unmoved ocean-cliff, resists ; like an ocean-cliff, which, when a great crash comes, stands steadfast in its bulk amid many howling waves ; in vain the crags and foaming rocks roar about, and the sea-weed, dashed upon its sides, is whirled back. But when no power is given him to quell their blind resolve, and all goes as cruel Juno wills, then with many an appeal to the gods and the voiceless skies, “Alas !” cries the father, “we are shattered by fate, and swept away by the storm ! Ye yourselves, my wretched children,

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ipsi has sacrilego pendetis sanguine poenas, 595  
 o miseri. te, Turne, nefas, te triste manebit  
 supplicium votisque deos venerabere seris.

nam mihi parta quies, omnisque in limine portus ;  
 funere felici spolior." nec plura locutus  
 saepsit se tectis rerumque reliquit habenas. 600

Mos erat Hesperio in Latio, quem protinus urbes  
 Albanae coluere sacrum, nunc maxima rerum  
 Roma colit, cum prima movent in proelia Martem,  
 sive Getis inferre manu lacrimabile bellum

Hyrcanisve Arabisve parant, seu tendere ad Indos 605  
 Auroramque sequi Parthosque reposcere signa :  
 sunt geminae Belli portae (sic nomine dicunt),  
 religione sacrae et saevi formidine Martis ;  
 centum aerei claudunt vectes aeternaque ferri  
 robora, nec custos absistit limine Ianus. 610

has, ubi certa sedet patribus sententia pugnae,  
 ipse Quirinali trabea cinctuque Gabino FMR  
 insignis reserat stridentia limina consul,  
 ipse vocat pugnas ; sequitur tum cetera pubes  
 aereaque adsensu conspirant cornua rauco. 615  
 hoc et tum Aeneadis indicere bella Latinus  
 more iubebatur tristisque recludere portas.  
 abstinuit tactu pater aversusque refugit  
 foeda ministeria, et caecis se condidit umbris.

<sup>605</sup> Hyrcaniisque *F<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>606</sup> deposcere *R.*

<sup>611</sup> haec *M<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>612</sup> Sabino *F.*

<sup>614</sup> tunc *M.*

<sup>618</sup> adversus *γ.*

<sup>1</sup> A much debated passage. The rendering given follows Servius, *securitas omnis in promptu est*. Others explain thus : "for to me rest is won, and it is when wholly on the threshold of life's haven that I am robbed of a happy death" (Page).

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with your impious blood shall pay the price of this !  
Thee Turnus, thee the guilt and its bitter punishment  
shall await, and too late with vows shalt thou  
adore the gods. For me, my rest is won, and my  
haven is full at hand ; 'tis but of a happy death I  
am despoiled.<sup>1</sup>" And saying no more he shut himself  
in the palace, and let drop the reins of rule.

<sup>601</sup> A custom there was in Hesperian Latium,  
which thenceforth the Alban cities held holy, as  
now does Rome, mistress of the world, what time  
they first rouse the war-god to battle, be it Getae  
or Arabs or Hyrcanians against whom their hands  
prepare to carry tearful war, or to march on India's  
sons<sup>2</sup> and pursue the Dawn, and reclaim their stand-  
ards from the Parthian :—there are twin gates<sup>3</sup> of  
War (so men call them), hallowed by religious awe  
and the terrors of fierce Mars : a hundred brazen  
bolts close them, and the eternal strength of iron,  
and Janus their guardian never quits the threshold.  
Here, when the sentence of the Fathers is firmly  
fixed on war, the Consul, arrayed in Quirinal robe<sup>4</sup>  
and Gabine cincture, with his own hand unbars the  
grating portals, with his own lips calls forth war ;  
then the rest of the warriors take up the cry, and  
brazen horns blare out their hoarse accord. With  
such custom then, too, Latinus was bidden to pro-  
claim war on the sons of Aeneas, and to unclose the  
grim gates. But the father withheld his hand,  
shrank back from the hateful office, and buried him-

<sup>2</sup> Used of the East generally.

<sup>3</sup> The Temple of Janus was opened in time of war, and closed in peace.

<sup>4</sup> cf. l. 187 above, with note. The "Gabine cincture" refers to a special way of wearing the toga, one part of which was folded round the waist, leaving the arm free.

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tum regina deum caelo delapsa morantis	620
impulit ipsa manu portas, et cardine verso	
Belli ferratos rumpit Saturnia postis.	
ardet inexcita Ausonia atque immobilis ante ;	
pars pedes ire parat campis, pars arduus altis	
pulverulentus equis furit ; omnes arma requirunt. 625	
pars levis clipeos et spicula lucida tergent	
arvina pingui subiguntque in cote securis ;	
signaque ferre iuvat sonitusque audire tubarum.	
quinque adeo magnae positis incudibus urbes	
tela novant, Atina potens Tiburque superbum, 630	
Ardea Crustumerique et turrigeræ Antemnae.	
tegmina tuta cavant capitum flectuntque salignas	
umbonum cratis ; alii thoracas aënos	
aut levis ocreas lento ducunt argento ;	
vomeris huc et falcis honos, huc omnis aratri 635	
cessit amor ; recoquunt patrios fornacibus ensis.	
classica iamque sonant ; it bello tessera signum.	
hic galeam tectis trepidus rapit, ille frementis	
ad iuga cogit equos, clipeumque auroque trilicem	
loricam induitur fidoque accingitur ense. 640	
Pandite nunc Helicona, deae, cantusque movete,	
qui bello exciti reges, quae quemque secutae	
complerint campos acies, quibus Itala iam tum	
floruerit terra alma viris, quibus arserit armis : [FMPR	
et meministis enim, divae, et memorare potestis ;	
ad nos vix tenuis famae perlabitur aura. 646	
Primus init bellum Tyrrhenis asper ab oris MPR	
contemptor divum Mezentius agminaque armat.	

622 rupit *F.R.*      628 iuvant *R* : iubet *M.*  
 638 rapidus *M<sup>1</sup>.* trementis *F.M<sup>1</sup>R1.*  
 641 monete *P<sup>2</sup>2,* known to Servius.

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self in blind darkness. Then the queen of the gods, gliding from the sky, with her own hand dashed in the lingering doors, and on their turning hinges Saturn's daughter burst open the iron-bound gates of war. All ablaze is Ausonia, erstwhile sluggish and unmoved. Some make ready to march o'er the plains afoot, some, on high steeds mounted, storm amid clouds of dust: all cry out for arms. Some with rich fat burnish shields smooth and javelins bright, and whet axes on the stone; they joy to bear the standards, and hear the trumpet call. Nay, five mighty cities set up anvils and forge new weapons—strong Atina and proud Tibur, Ardea and Crustumeri and turreted Antemnae. They hollow helms to guard the head, and weave the wicker-frame of shields; others beat out breastplates of bronze, or polished greaves from pliant silver. To this is come all pride in share and sickle, all passion for the plough; they retemper in the furnace their fathers' swords. And now the clarion sounds; the password goes forth, the sign for war. One in wild haste snatches a helm from his home; another couples his snorting steeds to the yoke, dons his shield and coat of mail, triple-linked with gold, and girds on his trusty sword.

<sup>641</sup> Now fling wide Helicon, ye goddesses, and wake your song—what kings were roused to war, what hosts, in the train of each, filled the plains, with what manhood even then kindly Italy bloomed, with what arms she was aglow; for ye, divine ones, remember, and can recount; to us scarcely is wafted some scant breath of fame.

<sup>647</sup> First, from Tuscan coasts, fierce Mezentius, scorner of the gods, enters the war and arms his

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filius huic iuxta Lausus, quo pulchrior alter  
non fuit, excepto Laurentis corpore Turni, 650  
Lausus, equum domitor debellatorque ferarum,  
ducit Agyllina nequ quam ex urbe secutos  
mille viros, dignus patriis qui laetior esset  
imperiis et cui pater haud Mezentius esset.

Post hos insignem palma per gramina currum 655  
victoresque ostentat equos satus Hercule pulchro  
pulcher Aventinus, clipeoque insigne paternum  
centum anguis cinctamque gerit serpentibus Hydrā ;  
collis Aventini silva quem Rhea sacerdos  
furtivum partu sub luminis edidit oras, 660  
mixta deo mulier, postquam Laurentia victor  
Geryone extinto Tirynthius attigit arva,  
Tyrrhenoque boves in flumine lavit Hiberas.  
pila manu saevosque gerunt in bella dolones, MPRV  
et tereti pugnant mucrone veruque Sabello. 665  
ipse pedes, tegimen torquens immane leonis,  
terribili impexum saeta, cum dentibus albis  
indutus capiti, sic regia tecta subibat,  
horridus Herculeoque umeros innexus amictu.

Tum gemini fratres Tiburtia moenia linquent, 670  
fratris Tiburti dictam cognomine gentem,  
Catillusque acerque Coras, Argiva iuventus,  
et primam ante aciem densa inter tela feruntur :  
ceu duo nubigenae cum vertice montis ab alto  
descendunt Centauri, Homolen Othrymque nivalem  
linquentes cursu rapido ; dat euntibus ingens 676  
silva locum et magno cedunt virgulta fragore.

Nec Praenestinae fundator defuit urbis,  
Volcano genitum pecora inter agrestia regem

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 649 hunc <i>M<sup>1</sup>.</i>    | 654 Medientius <i>P.</i>                  |
| 655 palмam <i>R.</i>              | 669 innixus <i>PR.</i>                    |
| 671 de nomine <i>P.</i>           | 675 descendunt <i>M.</i> nivali <i>V.</i> |
| 676 liquentes <i>R.</i>           |   |
| 677 et written above in <i>P.</i> | caedunt <i>M.</i> 678 deficit <i>R.</i>   |

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array. At his side, goodliest of form save Laurentine Turnus, is his son Lausus,—Lausus, tamer of steeds and vanquisher of beasts. From Agylla's town he leads a thousand men, that followed him in vain;<sup>1</sup> one worthy to be happier in a father's rule, and to have other than Mezentius for sire!

<sup>655</sup> Next to these, Aventinus, beauteous son of beauteous Hercules, displays on the sward his palm-crowned chariot and victorious steeds, and on his shield bears his father's device—a hundred snakes and the Hydra, girt with serpents. Him, in the wood of the Aventine hill, Rhea the priestess brought in secret birth up into the borders of light—a woman mated with a god—when the Tirynthian victor, having slain Geryon, reached the Laurentian fields and bathed his Iberian kine in the Tuscan stream.<sup>2</sup> In their hands the men carry to battle javelins and grim pikes, and fight with the tapering sword and Sabellian dart. Himself, he went on foot, swinging a huge lion's skin, unkempt with terrifying mane, its white teeth crowning his head; in such guise he entered the royal halls, shaggy-rough, his shoulders enveloped in the garb of Hercules.

<sup>670</sup> Next twin brethren leave the walls of Tibur, and the folk called from the name of their brother Tiburtus—Catillus and brave Coras, Argive youths. On they come in the front ranks amid the thronging spears, as when two cloud-born Centaurs descend from a mountain's high peak, leaving Homole or snowy Othrys in swift course; the mighty forest yields place as they go, and the thickets give way with loud crash.

<sup>678</sup> Nor was the founder of Praeneste's city absent,—Caeculus, the king who, as every age has believed,

<sup>1</sup> Because they could not save him from his fate.

<sup>2</sup> The Tiber.

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inventumque focus omnis quem credidit aetas, 680  
 Caeculus. hunc legio late comitatur agrestis,  
 quiq[ue] altum Praeneste viri quiq[ue] arva Gabinae  
 Iunonis gelidumque Anienem et roscida rivis  
 Hernica saxa colunt, quos dives Anagnia pascit,  
 quos, Amasene pater. non illis omnibus arma, 685  
 nec clipei currusve sonant; pars maxima glandes  
 liventis plumbi spargit, pars spicula gestat  
 bina manu, fulvosque lupi de pelle galeros  
 tegmen habent capiti; vestigia nuda sinistri  
 instituere pedis, crudus tegit altera pero. MPR

At Messapus, equum domitor, Neptunia proles, 691  
 quem neque fas igni cuiquam nec sternere ferro,  
 iam pridem resides populos desuetaque bello  
 agmina in arma vocat subito ferrumque retractat.  
 hi Fescenninas acies Aequosque Faliscos, 695  
 hi Soractis habent arces Flaviniaque arva  
 et Cimini cum monte lacum lucosque Capenos.  
 ibant aequati numero regemque caneabant:  
 ceu quondam nivei liquida inter nubila cycni,  
 cum sese e pastu referunt et longa canoros 700  
 dant per colla modos; sonat amnis et Asia longe  
 pulsa palus.  
 nec quisquam aeratas acies ex agmine tanto  
 misceri putet, aëriam sed gurgite ab alto  
 urgeri volucrum raukarum ad litora nubem. 705

Ecce Sabinorum prisco de sanguine magnum  
 agmen agens Clausus magnique ipse agminis instar,

<sup>681</sup> late legio *M.*

<sup>686</sup> currusque *R.*

<sup>689</sup> tegmina *P<sub>γ</sub><sup>1</sup>.* capitis *M<sup>2</sup>.*

<sup>690</sup> pedes *M<sup>2</sup>.*

<sup>696</sup> Flaminia *P<sup>2</sup>.*

<sup>699</sup> flumina *P<sub>γ</sub><sup>1</sup>.*

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was born to Vulcan among the rural herds, and found upon the hearth. Him, in loose array, a rustic legion attends : they who dwell in steep Praeneste, and the fields of Gabine Juno, by the cold Anio and the Hernican rocks with their dewy streams ; they whom rich Anagnia nurtures, and thou, father Amasenus. Not all of these have armour, or shields, or sounding chariots. The most part shower bullets of livid lead ; part wield in the hand two darts, and have for head-gear tawny caps of wolf-skin. Bare is the left foot as they plant their steps ; a boot of raw-hide shields the other.

<sup>691</sup> But Messapus, tamer of horses, the seed of Neptune, whom none may lay low with fire or steel, suddenly calls to arms tribes long inert and bands unused to war, and again grasps the sword. These hold the ranks of Fescennium and of Aequi Falisci ; these Soracte's heights and Flavinian fields, Ciminus' lake and hill and the groves of Capena. In measured time they marched and sang their king : as oftentimes snowy swans amid the moist clouds, when they return from feeding, and from their long throats utter their tuneful strains ; afar the river echoes, and the smitten Asian mead.<sup>1</sup> Nor would one think that mail-clad ranks were massed in that vast array, but that high in air, a cloud of hoarse-voiced birds was pressing shoreward from the deep gulf.

<sup>706</sup> Lo ! Clausus,<sup>2</sup> of the ancient Sabine blood, leading a mighty host, and equal to a mighty host himself ;

<sup>1</sup> Referring to the valley of the Cayster in Lydia.

<sup>2</sup> cf. Livy, II. 16, where we learn that the Claudian tribe was founded by Attus Clausus, who seceded from the Sabines in 506 B.C. and was received as a citizen in Rome. Virgil, however, refers the founding of the Claudian *gens* to the earlier day when Romulus formed a treaty with the Sabines under T. Tatius.

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Claudia nunc a quo diffunditur et tribus et gens  
 per Latium, postquam in partem data Roma Sabinis.  
 una ingens Amiterna cohors priscique Quirites, 710  
 Ereti manus omnis oliviferaeque Mutuscae,  
 qui Nomentum urbem, qui Rosea rura Velini,  
 qui Tetricae horrentis rupes montemque Severum  
 Casperiamque colunt Forulosque et flumen Himellae,  
 qui Tiberim Fabarimque bibunt, quos frigida misit 715  
 Nursia et Ortinae classes populique Latini,  
 quosque secans infaustum interluit Allia nomen :  
 quam multi Libyco volvuntur marmore fluctus,  
 saevus ubi Orion hibernis conditur undis,  
 vel cum sole novo densae torrentur aristae 720  
 aut Hermi campo aut Lyciae flaventibus arvis.  
 scuta sonant pulsuque pedum conterrata tellus.

Hinc Agamemnonius, Troiani nominis hostis,  
 curru iungit Halaesus equos Turnoque ferocis  
 mille rapit populos, vertunt felicia Baccho 725  
 Massica qui rastris, et quos de collibus altis  
 Aurunci misere patres Sidicinaque iuxta  
 aequora, quique Cales linquunt, amnisque vadosi  
 accola Voltturni, pariterque Saticulus asper  
 Oscorumque manus. teretes sunt aclydes illis 730  
 tela, sed haec lento mos est aptare flagello ;  
 laevas cetra tegit, falcati comminus enses.

Nec tu carminibus nostris indictus abibis,  
 Oebale, quem generasse Telon Sebethide nympha  
 fertur, Teleboum Capreas cum regna teneret, 735  
 iam senior ; patriis sed non et filius arvis

<sup>708</sup> e quo *M<sup>1</sup>*. ingens *M*.      <sup>712</sup> Rosa *M*: Roscia *P<sup>2</sup>γ*.  
<sup>713</sup> amnem *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*.      <sup>715</sup> Fabarum *P<sup>1</sup>R*.      <sup>722</sup> cursu *M*.  
<sup>725</sup> veniunt *K*.      <sup>727</sup> senes *M<sup>2</sup>*.      <sup>736</sup> armis *R*.

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from whom now is spread through Latium the Claudian tribe and clan, since Rome was shared with the Sabines. With him came Amiternum's vast cohort, and the ancient Quirites,<sup>1</sup> the whole band of Eretum and olive-bearing Mutusca; they who dwell in Nomentum's city and the Rosean country by Velinus, on Tetrica's rugged crags and Mount Severus, in Casperia and Foruli, and by Himella's stream; they who drink of Tiber and Fabaris, they whom cold Nursia sent, the Ortine squadrons, the Latin peoples, and they whom Allia, ill-boding name, severs with its flood; as many as the waves that roll on the Libyan main, when fierce Orion sinks in the wintry waves; or thick as the corn-ears that are scorched by the early sun in the plain of Hermus or the yellow fields of Lycia. The bucklers clang, and the earth trembles under the tramping feet.

<sup>723</sup> Next, Agamemnon's son, foe of the Trojan name, Halaesus, yokes his steeds to the car, and in Turnus' cause sweeps along a thousand warlike tribes, men who turn with mattocks the wine-rich Massic lands; whom Auruncan sires sent from their high hills, and the Sidicine plains hard by; those who leave Cales, and the dweller by Voltumnus' shallow river, and by their side the rough Saticulan and the Oscan bands. Shapely javelins are their weapons, but these it is their wont to fit with a pliant thong. A targe shields their left side; for close combat are their curved swords.

<sup>733</sup> Nor shalt thou, Oebalus, pass unhonoured in our songs—thou whom, 'tis said, the nymph Sebethis bare to Telon, when he reigned o'er Teleboan Capreae, now stricken in years; but, not content with his

<sup>1</sup> The inhabitants of Cures.

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contentus late iam tum dizione tenebat  
 Sarrastis populos et quae rigat aequora Sarnus,  
 quique Rufras Batulumque tenent atque arva  
 Celemnae,

et quos maliferae despectant moenia Abellae, 740  
 Teutonico ritu soliti torquere cateias ;  
 tegmina quis capitum raptus de subere cortex,  
 aerataeque micant peltae, micat aereus ensis.

Et te montosae misere in proelia Nersae,  
 Ufens, insignem fama et felicibus armis ; 745  
 horrida praecipue cui gens adsuetaque multo  
 venatu nemorum, duris Aequicula glaebis.  
 armati terram exercent semperque recentis  
 convectare iuvat praedas et vivere rapto.

Quin et Marruvia venit de gente sacerdos, 750  
 fronde super galeam et felici comptus oliva,  
 Archippi regis missu, fortissimus Umbro,  
 vipereo generi et graviter spirantibus hydri  
 spargere qui somnos cantuque manuque solebat,  
 mulcebatque iras et morsus arte levabat. 755  
 sed non Dardaniae medicari cuspidis ictum  
 evaluit neque eum iuvere in volnere cantus  
 somniferi et Marsis quaesitae montibus herbae.  
 te nemus Angitiae, vitrea te Fucinus unda,  
 te liquidi flevere lacus. 760

Ibat et Hippolyti proles pulcherrima bello,  
 Virbius, insignem quem mater Aricia misit,  
 eductum Egeriae lucis umentia circum

<sup>737</sup> premebat R.

<sup>738</sup> qua R.

<sup>740</sup> Bellae MSS., Servius, who however mentions the reading  
 Abellae.

<sup>756</sup> feras P.      <sup>757</sup> in] ad M<sup>2</sup>.      <sup>758</sup> in montibus M<sup>2</sup>.

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ancestral fields, his son even then held in his sway far and wide the Sarrastian tribes, and the plains watered by Sarnus, those who dwell in Rufrae and Batulum and Celemla's fields, and those on whom look down the battlements of Abella, rich in apples. In Teuton fashion these were wont to hurl their darts ;<sup>1</sup> their head-gear was bark stripped from the cork-tree ; bronze flashes on their shields, flashes with bronze their sword.

744 Thee, too, Ufens, mountainous Nersae sent forth to battle, of noble fame and success in arms—whose clan, on the rough Aequian clods, was rugged above all others, and tured to hard hunting in the woods. In arms they till the earth, and 'tis ever their joy to bear away fresh booty, and to live on plunder.

750 Yea, and from the Marruvian race, sent by King Archippus, there came a priest, his helm decked with leaves of the fruitful olive, most valiant Umbro, who with charm and touch was wont to shed slumber on the viperous brood and water-snakes of baneful breath, soothing their wrath and curing their bites by his skill.<sup>2</sup> Yet he availed not to heal the stroke of the Dardan spear-point, nor against wounds did slumbrous charms aid him, or herbs culled on Marsian hills. Thee Angitia's grove wept, thee Fucinus' glassy wave, thee the limpid lakes !

761 Likewise went to war Hippolytus' son, Virbius, most fair, whom his mother Aricia sent forth in his glory. In Egeria's groves was he reared round the

<sup>1</sup> The *cateia* is an unknown weapon, probably a dart, similar to one used by the wild German tribes.

<sup>2</sup> The Marsians were skilled in magic and incantations.

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litora, pinguis ubi et placabilis ara Diana.  
namque ferunt fama Hippolytum, postquam arte  
novercae

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occiderit patriasque explerit sanguine poenas  
turbatis distractus equis, ad sidera rursus  
aetheria et superas caeli venisse sub auras,  
Paeoniis revocatum herbis et amore Diana.  
tum pater omnipotens, aliquem indignatus ab umbris  
mortalem infernis ad lumina surgere vitae, 771  
ipse repertorem medicinae talis et artis  
fulmine Phoebigenam Stygias detrusit ad undas.  
at Trivia Hippolytum secretis alma recondit  
sedibus et nymphae Egeriae nemorique relegat, 775  
solus ubi in silvis Italicae ignobilis aevum  
exigeret versoque ubi nomine Virbius esset.  
unde etiam templo Triviae lucisque sacratis  
cornipedes arcentur equi, quod litore currum  
et iuvenem monstris pavidi effudere marinis. 780  
filius ardantis haud setius aequore campi  
exercebat equos curruque in bella ruebat.

Ipse inter primos praestanti corpore Turnus  
vertitur arma tenens et toto vertice supra est.  
cui triplici crinita iuba galea alta Chimaeram 785  
sustinet, Aetnaeos efflantem faucibus ignis ;  
tam magis illa fremens et tristibus effera flammis  
quam magis effuso crudescunt sanguine pugnae.  
at levem clipeum sublatis cornibus Io  
auro insignibat, iam saetis obsita, iam bos, 790  
(argumentum ingens), et custos virginis Argus

<sup>769</sup> Paeonis *M*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>773</sup> Poenigenam *MR.* ad] in γ<sup>2</sup>. undis *P*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>776</sup> ibi *M.* <sup>790</sup> insignitam *R.*

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marshy shores, where stands Diana's altar, rich and gracious. For they tell how that Hippolytus, when he fell by his stepdame's craft, and slaked a sire's vengeance in blood, torn asunder by frightened steeds—came again to the starry firmament and heaven's upper air, recalled by the Healer's herbs and Diana's love. Then the Father omnipotent, wroth that any mortal should rise from the nether shades to the light of life, himself with his thunder hurled down to the Stygian waters the finder of such healing-craft, the Phoebus-born.<sup>1</sup> But Trivia, kindly goddess, hides Hippolytus in a secret dwelling, and sends him away to the nymph Egeria and her grove, that there alone, amid Italian woods, he might live out his inglorious days, and take the altered name of Virbius. Hence, too, hooved horses are kept far from Trivia's temple and hallowed groves, for that they, affrighted by ocean-monsters, strewed chariot and youth along the shore. None the less, his son was driving his fiery steeds on the level plain, and speeding charioted to war.

<sup>783</sup> Himself too, amid the foremost, moves Turnus, of wondrous frame, holding sword in hand, and by a whole head o'ertopping all. His lofty helmet, crested with triple plume, upbears a Chimaera, breathing from her jaws Aetnean fires, lo! raging the more, and the madder with baleful flames, the more blood is outpoured and the fiercer waxes the fight. But, on his polished shield, Io with uplifted horns was emblazoned in gold,<sup>2</sup>—Io, wondrous device, already o'ergrown with bristles, already a heifer,—and Argus the maiden's warder, and father Inachus

<sup>1</sup> Aesculapius, son of Apollo (the Healer).

<sup>2</sup> A figure of Io, wrought in gold, formed the device on the iron shield.

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caelataque amnem fundens pater Inachus urna.  
 insequitur nimbus peditum clipeataque totis  
 agmina densus campis, Argivaque pubes  
 Auruncaeque manus, Rutuli veteresque Sicani 795  
 et Sacranae acies et picti scuta Labici ;  
 qui saltus, Tiberine, tuos sacrumque Numici  
 litus arant Rutulosque exercent vomere collis  
 Circaeumque iugum, quis Iuppiter Anxurus arvis  
 praesidet et viridi gaudens Feronia luco ; 800  
 qua Saturae iacet atra palus gelidusque per imas  
 quaerit iter vallis atque in mare conditur Ufens.

Hos super advenit Volsca de gente Camilla,  
 agmen agens equitum et florentis aere catervas,  
 bellatrix, non illa colo calathisve Minervae 805  
 femineas adsueta manus, sed proelia virgo  
 dura pati cursuque pedum praevertere ventos.  
 illa vel intactae segetis per summa volaret  
 gramina nec teneras cursu laesisset aristas,  
 vel mare per medium fluctu suspensa tumenti 810  
 ferret iter celeris nec tingueret aequore plantas.  
 illam omnis tectis agrisque effusa iuventus  
 turbaque miratur matrum et prospectat euntem,  
 attonitis inhians animis, ut regius ostro  
 velet honos levis umeros, ut fibula crinem 815  
 auro internectat, Lyciam ut gerat ipsa pharetram  
 et pastoralem praefixa cuspide myrtum.

<sup>814</sup> inhians] haesere *Pg<sup>1</sup>*, cf. 529.

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pouring his stream from an embossed urn.<sup>1</sup> Behind him comes a cloud of infantry, and shielded columns throng all the plain, Argive manhood and Auruncan bands, Rutulians and old Sicanians, the Sacranian lines and Labicians with painted bucklers ; they who till thy glades, O Tiber, and Numicius' sacred shore, whose ploughshare moves the Rutulian hills and Circe's ridge<sup>2</sup>; o'er whose fields Jupiter of Anxur reigns, and Feronia rejoicing in her greenwood ; where lies Satura's black marsh, and cold Ufens winds his way through the valley-depths and sinks into the sea.

803 To crown the array comes Camilla, of Volscian race, leading her troop of horse, and squadrons gay with brass,—a warrior-maid, never having trained her woman's hands to Minerva's distaff or basket of wool, but hardy to bear the battle-brunt and in speed of foot to outstrip the winds. She might have flown o'er the topmost blades of unmown corn, nor in her course bruised the tender ears ; or sped her way o'er mid sea, poised above the swelling wave, nor dipped her swift feet in the flood. All the youth, streaming from house and field, and thronging matrons marvel, and gaze at her as she goes ; agape with wonder how the glory of royal purple drapes her smooth shoulders ; how the clasp entwines her hair with gold ; how her own hands bear a Lycian quiver and the pastoral myrtle tipped with steel.

<sup>1</sup> The river Inachus is represented by a figure of the river-god, pouring water from an urn. <sup>2</sup> cf. 10 above.

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UT belli signum Laurenti Turnus ab arce  
extulit et rauco strepuerunt cornua cantu,  
utque acris concussit equos utque impulit arma,  
extemplo turbati animi, simul omne tumultu  
coniurat trepido Latium saevitque iuventus      5  
effera. ductores primi Messapus et Ufens  
contemptorque deum Mezentius undique cogunt  
auxilia et latos vastant cultoribus agros.  
mittitur et magni Venulus Diomedis ad urbem,  
qui petat auxilium, et Latio consistere Teucros,      10  
advectum Aenean classi victosque Penatis  
inferre et fatis regem se dicere posci  
edoceat, multasque viro se adiungere gentis  
Dardanio et late Latio increbescere nomen. [MPRV  
quid struat his coeptis, quem, si Fortuna sequatur,  
eventum pugnae cupiat, manifestius ipsi      16  
quam Turno regi aut regi apparere Latino.  
Talia per Latium. quae Laomedontius heros  
cuncta videns magno curarum fluctuat aestu  
atque animum nunc huc celerem, nunc dividit illuc      20  
in partisque rapit varias perque omnia versat :

<sup>2</sup> sonuerunt *P<sup>1</sup>*.  
<sub>20-21</sub> = *iv. 285, 286.*

<sup>10</sup> considere *P<sup>2</sup>γ.*

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SOON as Turnus raised up the flag of war from Laurentum's citadel, and the horns rang with their hoarse notes; soon as he roused his fiery steeds and clashed his arms, straightway men's hearts were troubled; all Latium at once is leagued in startled uprising, and her sons rage madly. The chief captains, Messapus and Ufens, with Mezentius, scorner of the gods, from all sides muster forces and strip the wide fields of husbandmen. Venulus too is sent to mighty Diomede's city<sup>1</sup> to seek aid, and announce that Teucrians set foot in Latium; that Aeneas is come with his fleet, bringing to them his vanquished gods, and proclaiming himself a king summoned by Fate; that many tribes are joining the Dardan hero and his name spreads far and wide in Latium. What end he compasses with these beginnings, what outcome of the feud he craves, should Fortune attend him, would be more clearly seen by Diomede's self than by King Turnus or King Latinus.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>18</sup> Thus it was throughout Latium. And the hero of Laomedon's line, seeing it all, tosses on a mighty sea of troubles; and now hither, now thither he swiftly throws his mind, casting it in diverse ways, and turning it to every shift;<sup>3</sup> as when in brazen

<sup>1</sup> Argyripa or Arpi, in Apulia.

<sup>2</sup> Knowing the Trojans as he did, Diomede could judge best as to their plans and aspirations.

<sup>3</sup> cf. *Aen.* iv. 285, 286.

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sicut aquae tremulum labris ubi lumen aënis  
sole repercutsum aut radiantis imagine lunae  
omnia pervolitat late loca iamque sub auras  
erigitur summique ferit laquearia tecti.

25

Nox erat et terras animalia fessa per omnis  
alituum pecudumque genus sopor altus habebat,  
cum pater in ripa gelidique sub aetheris axe  
Aeneas, tristi turbatus pectora bello,  
procubuit seramque dedit per membra quietem. 30  
huic deus ipse loci fluvio Tiberinus amoeno  
populeas inter senior se attollere frondes  
visus (eum tenuis glauco velabat amictu  
carbasus et crinis umbrosa tegebat harundo),  
tum sic adfari et curas his demere dictis : 35

“ O sate gente deum, Troianam ex hostibus urbem  
qui revehis nobis aeternaque Pergama servas,  
exspectate solo Laurenti arvisque Latinis,  
hic tibi certa domus, certi (ne absiste) Penates ;  
neu belli terrere minis ; tumor omnis et irae 41  
concessere deum.

iamque tibi, ne vana putas haec fingere somnum,  
litoreis ingens inventa sub illicibus sus  
triginta capitum fetus enixa iacebit,  
alba, solo recubans, albi circum ubera nati. 45

[hic locus urbis erit, requies ea certa laborum.]  
ex quo ter denis urbem redeuntibus annis  
Ascanius clari condet cognominis Albam.  
haud incerta cano. nunc qua ratione quod instat

expedias vitor, paucis, adverte, docebo. 50  
Arcades his oris, genus a Pallante profectum,  
qui regem Euandrum comites, qui signa secuti,  
delegere locum et posuere in montibus urbem

<sup>29</sup> pectore *M<sup>1</sup>*. <sup>43-46</sup> = III. 390-393.

<sup>46</sup> omitted by *MP<sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup>*, not noticed by *Serrius*.

<sup>50</sup> expediam *M<sup>2</sup>P<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*.

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bowls a flickering light from water, flung back by the sun or the moon's glittering form, flits far and wide o'er all things, and now mounts high and smites the fretted ceiling of the roof aloft.

<sup>26</sup> It was night, and over all lands deep sleep held wearied creatures, birds and beasts alike, when father Aeneas, his heart troubled by woeful war, stretched him on the bank under the sky's chill cope, and let late sleep steal over his limbs. Before him the very god of the place, Tiberinus of the pleasant stream, seemed to raise his aged head amid the poplar leaves ; thin lawn draped him in mantle of grey, and shady reeds crowned his hair. Then thus he spake to him, and with these words took away his cares :

<sup>26</sup> " O seed of a race divine, thou who from foemen's hands bringest back to us our Trojan city,<sup>1</sup> and preservest her towers for ever, thou long looked for on Laurentine ground and Latin fields, here thy home is sure—draw not back—and sure are thy gods ! Nor be scared by threats of war ; all the swelling wrath of Heaven has abated. Even now, lest thou deem these words the idle feigning of sleep, thou shalt find a huge sow lying under the oaks on the shore, just delivered of a litter of thirty young, the mother reclining on the ground white—white, too, the young about her teats. By this token in thirty revolving years shall Ascanius found a city, Alba of glorious name. Not doubtful is my prophecy. Now on what wise thou mayest make thy triumphant way through this present ill, in few words—pay thou heed—I will explain. On these coasts Arcadians, a race sprung from Pallas, who were the company of King Evander and followed his banner, have chosen a site and set their city on the hills, from their forefather Pallas

<sup>1</sup> Dardanus came from Italy.

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Pallantis proavi de nomine Pallanteum.  
 hi bellum adsidue ducunt cum gente Latina ; 55  
 hos castris adhibe socios et foedera iunge.  
 ipse ego te ripis et recto flumine ducam,  
 adversum remis superes subvectus ut amnem.  
 surge age, nate dea, primisque cadentibus astris  
 Iunoni fer rite preces iramque minasque 60  
 supplicibus supera votis. mihi victor honorem  
 persolves. ego sum, pleno quem flumine cernis  
 stringentem ripas et pinguia culta secantem,  
 caeruleus Thybris, caelo gratissimus amnis.  
 hic mihi magna domus, celsis caput urbibus exit.” 65  
 · Dixit, deinde lacu fluvius se condidit alto,  
 ima petens ; nox Aenean somnusque reliquit.  
 surgit et aetherii spectans orientia solis  
 lumina rite cavis undam de flumine palmis  
 sustinet ac talis effundit ad aethera voces : 70  
 “ Nymphae, Laurentes Nymphae, genus amnibus  
     unde est, FMPR  
 tuque, o Thybri tuo genitor cum flumine sancto,  
 accipite Aenean et tandem arcete periclis.  
 quo te cumque lacus miserantem incommoda nostra  
 fonte tenet, quocumque solo pulcherrimus exis, 75  
 semper honore meo, semper celerabere donis,  
 corniger Hesperidum fluvius regnator aquarum.  
 adsis o tantum et proprius tua numina firmes.”  
 sic memorat, geminasque legit de classe biremis  
 remigioque aptat, socios simul instruit armis. 80

<sup>56</sup> foedere *Pγ*, known to *Servius*.

<sup>63</sup> pinguia] singula *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>67</sup> relinquit *R.*

<sup>78</sup> proprius *P<sup>1</sup>*, known to *Servius*.

<sup>65</sup> magna] certa *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>75</sup> tenent *FR.*

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called Pallanteum. These wage war ceaselessly with the Latin race ; these do thou take to thy camp as allies, and join with them in league. I myself will guide thee along the banks straight up the stream, that so, impelled by thy oars, thou mayest o'ercome the opposing current. Up, arise, goddess-born, and, as the stars first set, duly offer prayers to Juno, and with suppliant vows vanquish her wrath and her threats. To me thou shalt pay thy tribute when victorious. I am he whom thou seest laving my banks with full flood and cleaving the rich tilth,—the blue Tiber, river best beloved of Heaven. Here is my stately home ; from lofty cities flows my fountain-head.<sup>1</sup>"

" So spake the River, then plunged into his deep pool, seeking the lowest parts ; night and sleep left Aeneas. He arises, and gazing on the eastern beams of the celestial sun, in due form uplifts water from the stream in his hollow palms, and pours forth to Heaven this prayer : " Ye Nymphs, Laurentine Nymphs, from whom rivers have their being, and thou, O father Tiber, thou and thy hallowed stream—receive Aeneas, and at last shield him from perils. In whatsoever springs thy pools contain thee, who pitiest our travails, from whatsoever soil thou flowest forth in all thy beauty, ever with my offerings, ever with my gifts, shalt thou be graced, thou horned stream, lord of Hesperian waters. Only be thou with me, and more surely confirm thy will ! " So he speaks, and choosing two galleys from his fleet mans them with crews, and withal equips his comrades with arms.

<sup>1</sup> The Tiber rises in Etruria. This verse, of doubtful meaning, is rendered thus by some : "Here rises my great home, the head of mighty cities," the "home" being either the river-god's palace under the water, or the city of Rome.

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Ecce autem subitum atque oculis mirabile  
monstrum,  
candida per silvam cum fetu concolor albo  
procubuit viridique in litore conspicitur sus.  
quam pius Aeneas tibi enim, tibi, maxima Iuno,  
mactat sacra ferens et cum grege sistit ad aram. 85  
Thybris ea fluvium, quam longa est, nocte tumentem  
lenuit et tacita refluxens ita substitit unda,  
mitis ut in morem stagni placidaeque paludis  
sterneret aequor aquis, remo ut luctamen abesset.  
ergo iter incepturn celerant rumore secundo. 90  
labitur uncta vadis abies; mirantur et undae,  
miratur nemus insuetum fulgentia longe  
scuta virum fluvio pictasque innare carinas. FMPRV  
olli remigio noctemque diemque fatigant  
et longos superant flexus, variisque teguntur 95  
arboribus viridisque secant placido aequore silvas.  
sol medium caeli conscenderat igneus orbem,  
cum muros arcemque procul ac rara domorum  
tecta vident, quae nunc Romana potentia caelo MPRV  
aqueavit, tum res inopes Euandrus habebat. 100  
ocius advertunt proras urbique propinquant.

Forte die sollemnem illo rex Arcas honorem  
Amphitryoniadae magno divisque ferebat  
ante urbem in luco. Pallas huic filius una,  
una omnes iuvenum primi pauperque senatus 105  
tura dabant, tepidusque crux fumabat ad aras.  
ut celsas videre rates atque inter opacum

<sup>90</sup> peragunt R, *Macrobius*. Rumone M<sup>1</sup>, known to Servius.

<sup>92</sup> mirantur F<sup>γ</sup>1.

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<sup>81</sup> But lo ! a portent, sudden and wondrous to see ! Gleaming white amid the wood, of one colour with her milk-white brood, lay outstretched on the green bank before their eyes—a sow : her good Aeneas offers in sacrifice to thee, even thee, most mighty Juno, and sets with her young before thine altar. All that night long Tiber calmed his swelling flood, and flowing back with silent wave stood so still that like a gentle pool or quiet mere he smoothed his watery plain, that the oars might know no struggle. Therefore with cheering cries they speed the voyage begun : over the waters glides the well-pitched pine ; in wonder the waves, in wonder the unwonted woods view the far gleaming shields of warriors and the painted hulls floating on the stream. They with their rowing give night and day no rest, pass the long bends, are shaded with diverse trees, and cleave the green woods on the peaceful water.<sup>1</sup> The fiery sun had scaled the mid arch of heaven, when afar they see walls and a citadel, and scattered house-roofs, which to-day Rome's empire has exalted to heaven, but then Evander ruled, a scant domain. Quickly they turn the prows to land, and draw near the town.

<sup>102</sup> It chanced that on that day the Arcadian king paid wonted homage to Amphitryon's mighty son<sup>2</sup> and the gods in a grove before the city. With him his son Pallas, with him all the foremost of his people and his humble senate were offering incense, and the warm blood smoked at the altars. Soon as they saw the high ships, saw them gliding up

<sup>1</sup> Or "in the peaceful waters," if Servius is right in supposing that Virgil refers to the reflected woods.

<sup>2</sup> Hercules. Virgil doubtless has in mind the rites connected with the *Ara Maxima* in the Forum Boarium.

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ad labi nemus et tacitis incumbere remis,  
terrentur visu subito cunctique relictis  
consurgunt mensis. audax quos rumpere Pallas 110  
sacra vetat raptoque volat telo obvius ipse,  
et procul e tumulo : “ iuvenes, quae causa subegit  
ignotas temptare vias? quo tenditis?” inquit.  
“ qui genus? unde domo? pacemne huc fertis an  
arma?”

tum pater Aeneas puppi sic fatur ab alta 115  
paciferaeque manu ramum praetendit olivae:  
“ Troiugenae ac tela vides inimica Latinis,  
quos illi bello profugos egere superbo. .  
Euandrum petimus. ferte haec et dicite lectos MPR  
Dardaniae venisse duces, socia arma rogantis.” 120  
obstipuit tanto percussus nomine Pallas:  
“ egredere o quicumque es,” ait, “ coramque parentem  
adloquere ac nostris succede penatibus hospes;”  
excepitque manu dextramque amplexus inhaesit.  
progressi subeunt luco fluviumque relinquunt. 125

Tum regem Aeneas dictis adfatur amicis:  
“ optume Graiugenum, cui me Fortuna precari  
et vitta comptos voluit praetendere ramos,  
non equidem extimui, Danaum quod ductor et Arcas  
quodque a stirpe fores geminis coniunctus Atridis; 130  
sed mea me virtus et sancta oracula divum,  
cognatiq[ue] patres, tua terris didita fama,  
coniunxere tibi et fatis egere volentem.  
Dardanus, Iliaceae primus pater urbis et auctor,  
Electra, ut Grai perhibent, Atlantide cretus, 135  
advehitur Teucros; Electram maximus Atlas

<sup>108</sup> tacitis γ<sup>1</sup>ε<sup>2</sup>, *Serris*: tacitos MPRγ<sup>1b</sup>ε<sup>1</sup>.  
<sup>118</sup> fatus Rγ<sup>1</sup>. <sup>123</sup> ac] et M<sup>1</sup>, *Nomina*.

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between the shady woods and plying noiseless oars, they are affrighted by the sudden sight, and all rise up, quitting the feast. But Pallas, undaunted, forbids them to break off the rites, and seizing his spear, flies himself to meet the strangers, and from a mound afar cries : "Warriors, what cause has driven you to try unknown paths ? Whither fare ye ? Of what race are ye ? From what home ? Is it peace or war ye bring hither ?" Then father Aeneas speaks thus from the high stern, outstretching in his hand a branch of peaceful olive : "Men born of Troy thou seest, and arms hostile to Latins—men whom they have driven to flight by insolent warfare. We seek Evander : bear ye this message, and say that chosen captains of Dardania are come, suing for alliance in arms." Smitten with amaze was Pallas at that mighty name. "Come forth," he cries, "whoe'er thou art ; speak to my father face to face, and pass, a guest, beneath our roof !" And with a grasp of welcome he caught and clung to his hand. Advancing, they enter the grove and leave the river.

<sup>126</sup> Then with friendly words Aeneas addresses the king : "Noblest of the sons of Greece, to whom Fortune has willed that I make my prayer, and offer boughs decked with fillets, I feared not because thou wert a Danaan chief, an Arcadian and linked by blood with the twin sons of Atreus ; but my own worth and Heaven's holy oracles, our ancestral kinship, and thy fame spread through the world, have bound me to thee, and brought me Fate's willing follower. Dardanus, first father and founder of Ilium's city, born (as Greeks relate) of Atlantean Electra, came to the Teucrians ; Electra was begotten

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edidit, aetherios umero qui sustinet orbis.  
 vobis Mercurius pater est, quem candida Maia  
 Cyllenae gelido conceptum vertice fudit ;  
 at Maiam, auditis si quicquam credimus, Atlas, 140  
 idem Atlas generat, caeli qui sidera tollit.  
 sic genus amborum scindit se sanguine ab uno.  
 his fretus non legatos neque prima per artem  
 temptamenta tui pepigi ; me, me ipse meumque  
 obieci caput et supplex ad limina veni. 145  
 gens eadem, quae te, crudeli Daunia bello  
 insequitur ; nos si pellant, nihil afore credunt,  
 quin omnem Hesperiam penitus sua sub iuga mittant,  
 et mare, quod supra, teneant, quodque adluit infra.  
 accipe daque fidem. sunt nobis fortia bello 150  
 pectora, sunt animi et rebus spectata iuventus."

Dixerat Aeneas. ille os oculosque loquentis  
 iamdudum et totum lustrabat lumine corpus.  
 tum sic pauca refert : " ut te, fortissime Teucrum,  
 accipio agnoscoque libens ! ut verba parentis 155  
 et vocem Anchisae magni voltumque recordor !  
 nam memini Hesionaee visentem regna sororis  
 Laomedontiaden Priamum, Salamina petentem,  
 protinus Arcadiae gelidos invisere finis.  
 tum mihi prima genas vestibat flore iuventas, 160  
 mirabarque duces Teucros, mirabar et ipsum  
 Laomedontiaden, sed cunctis altior ibat  
 Anchises. mihi mens iuvenali ardebat amore  
 compellare virum et dextrae confungere dextram ;  
 accessi et cupidus Phenei sub moenia duxi. 165  
 ille mihi insignem pharetram Lyciasque sagittas  
 discedens chlamydemque auro dedit intertextam,  
 frenaque bina, meus quae nunc habet aurea Pallas.

<sup>139</sup> fundit *P<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>140</sup> creditis *P<sup>1</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>147</sup> afore *P<sup>1</sup>*, *Servius* : adfore *M<sup>3</sup>P<sup>2</sup>* : atfore *M<sup>1</sup>* : fore *R*.

<sup>167</sup> intertexto *P<sup>1</sup>R*, known to *Servius*.

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of mightiest Atlas, who on his shoulders sustains the heavenly spheres. Your sire is Mercury, whom fair Maia conceived and bore on Cyllene's cold peak ; but Maia, if we have any trust in tales we have heard, is child of Atlas, the same Atlas who uplifts the starry heavens ; so the lineage of the twain branches from one blood. Relying on this, no embassy did I plan, no crafty overtures to thee ; myself I have brought, —myself and my own life—and am come a suppliant to thy doors. The same Daunian race pursues us, as thee, in cruel war ; if they drive us forth, they deem that naught will stay them from laying all Hesperia utterly beneath their yoke, and from holding the seas that wash her above and below.<sup>1</sup> Take and return friendship ; we have hearts valiant in war, high souls and manhood tried in action."

<sup>152</sup> Aeneas ceased. As he spake, Evander had long scanned his face, and eyes, and all his form ; then thus briefly replies : " Bravest of the Teucrians, how gladly do I receive and recognize thee ! How I recall thy father's words, and the voice and features of great Anchises ! For I remember how Priam, Laomedon's son, when on his way to Salamis he came to see the realm of his sister Hesione, passed on to visit Arcadia's cold borders. In those days early youth clothed my cheeks with bloom, and I wondered at the chiefs of Troy, wondered at their prince, Laomedon's son ; but towering above all moved Anchises. My heart burned with youthful ardour to accost him and clasp hand in hand ; I drew near, and led him eagerly to Pheneus' city. Departing, he gave me a glorious quiver with Lycian shafts, a scarf inwoven with gold, and a pair of golden bits that now my Pallas possesses. There-

<sup>1</sup> The Adriatic and Tuscan seas.

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ergo et quam petitis, iuncta est mihi foedere dextra,  
et, lux cum primum terris se crastina reddit, 170  
auxilio laetos dimittam opibusque iuvabo.  
interea sacra haec, quando huc venistis amici,  
annua, quae differre nefas, celebrate faventes  
nobiscum et iam nunc sociorum adsuescite mensis."

Haec ubi dicta, dapes iubet et sublata reponi 175  
pocula gramineoque viros locat ipse sedili  
praecipuumque toro et villosi pelle leonis  
accipit Aenean solioque invitat acerno.  
tum lecti iuvenes certatim araeque sacerdos  
viscera tosta ferunt taurorum, onerantque canistris 180  
dona laboratae Cereris, Bacchumque ministrant.  
vescitur Aeneas simul et Troiana iuventus  
perpetui tergo bovis et lustralibus extis.

Postquam exempta fames et amor compressus  
edendi,  
rex Euandrus ait : " non haec sollemnia nobis, 185  
has ex more dapes, hanc tanti numinis aram  
vana supersticio veterumque ignara deorum  
imposuit : saevis, hospes Troiane, periclis  
servati facimus meritosque novamus honores.  
iam primum saxis suspensam hanc aspice rupem, 190  
disiectae procul ut moles desertaque montis  
stat domus et scopuli ingentem traxere ruinam.  
hic spelunca fuit, vasto summota recessu,  
semihominis Caci facies quam dira tenebat,  
solis inaccessam radiis ; semperque recenti 195  
caede tepebat humus, foribusque adfixa superbis  
ora virum tristi pendebant pallida tabo.

<sup>180</sup> canistri R.  
<sup>191</sup> disiectae R.

<sup>190</sup> pridem R.  
<sup>194</sup> tegebat M<sup>1</sup>PR<sub>γ</sub>.

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fore, the hand ye seek lo ! I join with you in league, and when first to-morrow's dawn revisits earth, I will send you hence cheered by an escort, and will aid you with our stores. Meanwhile, since ye are come hither as friends, this yearly festival, which we may not defer, graciously solemnize with us, and even now become familiar with your comrades' board."

<sup>175</sup> This said, he orders the repast and cups, already removed, to be replaced, and with his own hand ranges the guests on the grassy seat, and chief in honour he welcomes Aeneas to the cushion of a shaggy lion's hide, and invites him to a maple throne. Then chosen youths, and the priest of the altar, in emulous haste bring roast flesh of bulls, pile on baskets the gifts of Ceres, fashioned well, and serve the wine of Bacchus. Aeneas and, with him, the warriors of Troy feast on the long chine of an ox and the sacrificial meat.

<sup>184</sup> When hunger was banished and the desire of food stayed, King Evander spoke : "These solemn rites, this wonted feast, this altar of a mighty Presence,—'tis no idle superstition, knowing not the gods of old, that has laid them on us. As saved from cruel perils, O Trojan guest, do we pay the rites, and repeat the worship due. Now first look at this rocky overhanging cliff, how the masses are scattered afar, how the mountain-dwelling stands desolate, and the crags have toppled down in mighty ruin ! Here was once a cave, receding to unfathomed depth, never visited by the sun's rays, where dwelt the awful shape of half-human Cacus ; and ever the ground reeked with fresh blood, and, nailed to its proud doors, faces of men hung pallid in ghastly

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huic monstro Volcanus erat pater : illius atros  
ore vomens ignis magna se mole ferebat.

attulit et nobis aliquando optantibus aetas 200  
auxilium adventumque dei. nam maximus ultior,  
tergemini nece Geryonae spoliisque superbis,  
Alcides aderat taurosque hac vitor agebat,  
ingentis, vallemque boves amnemque tenebant.  
at furiis Caci mens effera, ne quid inausum 205  
aut intractatum scelerisve dolive fuisse,  
quattuor a stabulis praestanti corpore tauros  
avertit, totidem forma superante iuvencas.  
atque hos, ne qua forent pedibus vestigia rectis,  
cauda in speluncam tractos versisque viarum 210  
indiciis raptos saxo occultabat opaco.  
quaerenti nulla ad speluncam signa ferebant.  
interea, cum iam stabulis saturata moveret  
Amphitryoniades armenta abitumque pararet,  
discessu mugire boves atque omne querellis 215  
impleri nemus et colles clamore relinquui.  
reddidit una boum vocem vastoque sub antro  
mugiit et Caci spem custodita fefellit.  
hic vero Alcidae furiis exarserat atro  
felle dolor : rapit arma manu nodisque gravatum 220  
robur, et aërii cursu petit ardua montis.  
tum primum nostri Cacum videre timentem  
turbatumque oculis : fugit illicet ocior Euro  
speluncamque petit ; pedibus timor addidit alas.

Ut sese inclusit ruptisque immane catenis 225  
deiecit saxum, ferro quod et arte paterna  
pendebat, fultosque emunit obice postis,  
ecce furens animis aderat Tirynthius omnemque

<sup>203</sup> Geryoni *R.*: Geryonis *M<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>205</sup> furis *M.* <sup>206</sup> intemperatum *M<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>212</sup> quaerentes *R.*

<sup>214</sup> parabat *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>216</sup> relinquit *P.*

<sup>221</sup> et aerii] aetherii *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>222</sup> oculi *some minor MSS.*, known to *Servius* : oculos *γ<sup>1</sup>*.

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decay. This monster's sire was Vulcan; his were the black fires he belched forth, as he moved in mighty bulk. For us, too, time at last brought to our desire a god's advent and aid. For there came the mightest of avengers, even Alcides, glorying in the slaughter and spoils of triple Geryon, and this way drove his huge bulls in triumph, and his oxen filled vale and riverside. But Cacus, his wits wild with frenzy, that naught of crime or craft might prove to be left undared or unessayed, drove from their stalls four bulls of surpassing form, and as many heifers of peerless beauty. And these, that there might be no tracks pointing forward, he dragged by the tail into his cavern, and, with the signs of their course thus turned backwards, he hid them in the rocky darkness: whoso sought them could find no marks leading to the cave. Meanwhile, when Amphytryon's son was now moving the well-fed herds from their stalls, and making ready to set out, the oxen at parting lowed; all the grove they fill with their plaint, and with clamour quit the hills. One heifer returned the cry, lowed from the drear cavern's depths, and from her prison baffled the hopes of Cacus. Hereupon the wrath of Alcides furiously blazed forth with black gall; seizing in hand his weapons and heavily knotted club, he seeks with speed the crest of the soaring mount. Then first our folk saw Cacus afraid and with trouble in his eyes; in a twinkling he flees swifter than the East wind and seeks his cavern; fear lends wings to his feet.

<sup>225</sup> Soon as he shut himself in, and, bursting the chains, dropped the giant rock suspended in iron by his father's craft, which with its barrier blocked the firm-stayed entrance, lo! the Tirynthian came in a

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accessum lustrans huc ora ferebat et illuc,  
 dentibus infrendens. ter totum fervidus ira 230  
 lustrat Aventini montem, ter saxea temptat  
 limina nequ quam, ter fessus valle resedit.  
 stabat acuta silex, praecisis undique saxis  
 speluncae dorso insurgens, altissima visu,  
 dirarum nidis domus opportuna volucrum. 235  
 hanc, ut prona iugo laevum incumbebat ad amnem,  
 dexter in adversum nitens concussit et imis  
 avolsam solvit radicibus; inde repente  
 impulit, impulsu quo maximus intonat aether,  
 dissultant ripae refluitque exterritus amnis. 240  
 at specus et Caci detecta apparuit ingens  
 regia et umbrosae penitus patuere cavernae,  
 non secus ac si qua penitus vi terra dehiscens  
 infernas reseret sedes et regna recludat  
 pallida, dis invisa, superque immane barathrum 245  
 cernatur, trepidant immisso lumine Manes.  
 ergo insperata deprensum luce repente  
 inclusumque cavo saxo atque insueta rudentem  
 desuper Alcides telis premit, omniaque arma  
 advocat et ramis vastisque molaribus instat. 250  
 ille autem, neque enim fuga iam super ulla pericli,  
 faucibus ingentem fumum, mirabile dictu,  
 evomit involvitque domum caligine caeca,  
 prospectum eripiens oculis, glomeratque sub antro  
 fumiferam noctem commixtis igne tenebris. 255  
 non tulit Alcides animis, seque ipse per ignem  
 praecipiti iecit saltu, qua plurimus undam  
 fumus agit nebulaque ingens specus aestuat atra.  
 hic Cacum in tenebris incendia vana vomentem

<sup>238</sup> advolsam *M<sup>1</sup>*. <sup>239</sup> insonat *R.*

<sup>244</sup> reserit *M<sup>1</sup>*: reserat *M<sup>2</sup>PR.*

<sup>246</sup> trepidantque *R.* <sup>247</sup> in luce *M<sup>2</sup>R.*

<sup>251</sup> pericli est *P<sub>y</sub>.* <sup>257</sup> iniecit *P<sub>y</sub>.*

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frenzy of wrath, and, scanning every approach, turned his face this way and that, gnashing his teeth. Thrice, hot with rage, he traverses the whole Aventine Mount; thrice he essays the stony portals in vain; thrice he sinks down wearied in the valley. There stood a pointed rock of flint, cut sheer away all around, rising above the cavern's ridge, and exceeding high to view, fit home for the nestlings of foul birds. This, as it leaned sloping with its ridge to the river on the left, he shook, straining against it from the right, and, wrenching it from its lowest roots, tore it loose; then of a sudden thrust it forth: with that thrust the mighty heaven thunders, the banks leap apart, and the affrighted river recoils. But the den of Cacus and his huge palace stood revealed, and, deep below, the darkling cave lay open: even as though beneath some force, the earth, gaping open deep below, should unlock the infernal abodes and disclose the pallid realms abhorred of the gods, and from above the vast abyss be descried, and the ghosts tremble at the inrushing light. On him, then, caught of a sudden by unlooked for day, pent in the hollow rock and bellowing uncouth roars, Alcides hurls missiles from above, calling all weapons to his aid, and rains upon him boughs and giant millstones. He, the while, for now no other escape from peril was left, belches from his throat dense smoke, wondrous to tell! and veils the dwelling in blinding gloom, blotting all view from the eyes, and rolling up in the cave's depth smoke-laden night, its blackness mingled with flame. In his fury Alcides brooked not this: headlong he dashed through the flame, where the smoke rolls its wave thickest, and through the mighty cave the mist surges black. Here as Cacus in the darkness vomits vain fires, he seizes him

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corripit in nodum complexus, et angit inhaerens 260  
 elisos oculos et siccum sanguine guttur.  
 panditur extemplo foribus domus atra revolsis  
 abstractaeque boves abiurataeque rapinae  
 caelo ostenduntur, pedibusque informe cadaver  
 protrahitur. nequeunt expleri corda tuendo 265  
 terribilis oculos, voltum villosaque saetis  
 pectora semiferi atque extinctos faucibus ignis.  
 ex illo celebratus honos laetique minores  
 servavere diem, primusque Potitius auctor  
 et domus Herculei custos Pinaria sacri. 270  
 hanc aram luco statuit, quae Maxima semper  
 dicetur nobis et erit quae maxima semper.  
 quare agite, o iuvenes, tantarum in munere laudum  
 cingite fronde comas et pocula porgite dextris  
 communemque vocate deum et date vina volentes.”  
 dixerat, Herculea bicolor cum populus umbra 276  
 velavitque comas foliisque innexa pependit,  
 et sacer implevit dextram scyphus. ocios omnes  
 in mensam laeti libant divosque precantur.  
 Devexo interea propior fit Vesper Olympo, 280  
 iamque sacerdotes primusque Potitius ibant,  
 pellibus in morem cincti, flamasque ferebant.  
 instaurant epulas et mensae grata secundae  
 dona ferunt cumulantque oneratis lancibus aras.  
 tum Salii ad cantus incensa altaria circum 285  
 populeis adsunt evincti tempora ramis,  
 hic iuvenum chorus, ille senum, qui carmine laudes  
 Herculeas et facta ferunt: ut prima novercae  
 monstra manu geminosque premens eliserit anguis,

<sup>261</sup> elidens known to Servius.

<sup>262</sup> alta Pl.

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in knot-like embrace, and, close entwined, throttles him till the eyes burst forth and the throat is drained of blood. Straightway the doors are torn off, and the dark den laid bare ; the stolen oxen and forsworn plunder are shown to heaven, and the shapeless carcase is dragged forth by the feet. Men cannot sate their hearts with gazing on the terrible eyes, the face, and shaggy bristling chest of the brutish creature, and the quenched fires of his throat. From that time has this service been solemnized, and joyous posterity has kept the day—Potitius foremost, founder of the rite, and the Pinarian house, custodian of the worship of Hercules. He himself set in the grove this altar, which shall ever by us be called Mightiest, and mightiest shall it ever be. Come then, warriors, and, in honour of deeds so glorious, wreath your hair with leaves, and stretch forth the cup in your hands ; call on our common god, and of good will pour ye the wine." He ceased ; and thereon the twy-coloured poplar veiled his hair with the shade dear to Hercules, hanging down with festoon of leaves, and the sacred goblet charged his hand. Speedily all pour glad libation on the board, and offer prayer to the gods.

<sup>280</sup> Meanwhile, evening draws nearer down heaven's slope, and now the priests went forth, Potitius at their head, girt with skins after their fashion, and bearing torches. They renew the banquet and bring the welcome offerings of a second repast, and heap the altars with laden platters. Then the Salii come to sing round the kindled altars, their brows bound with poplar boughs—one band of youths, the other of old men—and these in song extol the glories and deeds of Hercules : how first he strangled in his grip the twin serpents, the monsters of his step-

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ut bello egregias idem disiecerit urbes,  
 Troiamque Oechaliamque, ut duros mille labores  
 rege sub Eurystheo fatis Iunonis iniquae  
 pertulerit. “tu nubigenas, invicte, bimembris,  
 Hylaeumque Pholumque, manu, tu Cresia mactas  
 prodigia et vastum Nemea sub rupe leonem. 295  
 te Stygii tremuere lacus, te ianitor Orci  
 ossa super recubans antro semesa cruento ;  
 nec te ullae facies, non terruit ipse Typhoeus  
 arduus arma tenens, non te rationis egentem  
 Lernaeus turba capitum circumstetit anguis. 300  
 salve, vera Iovis proles, decus addite divis,  
 et nos et tua dexter adi pede sacra secundo.”  
 talia carminibus celebrant ; super omnia Caci  
 speluncam adiciunt spirantemque ignibus ipsum.  
 consonat omne nemus strepitu collesque resultant. 305

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Exim se cuncti divinis rebus ad urbem  
 perfectis referunt. ibat rex obsitus aevo,  
 et comitem Aenean iuxta natumque tenebat  
 ingrediens varioque viam sermone levabat.  
 miratur facilisque oculos fert omnia circum  
 Aeneas, capiturque locis et singula laetus  
 exquiritque auditque virum monumenta priorum.  
 tum rex Euandrus, Romanae conditor arcis :  
 “ haec nemora indigenae Fauni Nymphaeque tenebant  
 gensque virum truncis et duro robore nata, 315  
 quis neque mos neque cultus erat, nec iungere tauros

<sup>291</sup> Oechaliam eduros *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>295</sup> Nemea *M* : Nemea *P<sup>2</sup>R<sub>γ</sub>* : Nemeae *P<sup>1</sup>*, *Servius*.

<sup>306</sup> exin *Kb<sup>2</sup>c.*

<sup>1</sup> Juno, who in jealousy sent two snakes to kill Hercules in his cradle, and to whose craftiness it was due that Hercules had to serve Eurystheus for twelve years.

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mother<sup>1</sup>; how likewise in war he dashed down peerless cities, Troy and Oechalia; how under King Eurystheus he bore a thousand grievous toils by the doom of cruel Juno. "Thou, unconquered one, thou with thy hand art slayer of the cloud born creatures of double shape, Hylaeus and Pholus, the monsters of Crete, and the huge lion beneath Nemea's rock. Before thee the Stygian lakes trembled; before thee, the warder of Hell, as he lay on half-gnawn bones in his bloody cave; no shape daunted thee, no, not Typhoeus' self, towering aloft in arms; wit failed thee not when Lerna's snake encompassed thee with its swarm of heads. Hail, true seed of Jove, to the gods an added glory! graciously with favouring foot visit us and thy rites!" Such are their hymns of praise; and they crown all with the tale of Cacus' cavern, and the fire-breathing monster's self. All the woodland rings with the clamour, and the hills re-echo.

<sup>306</sup> Then, the sacred rites discharged, all return to the city. There walked the king, beset with years, and as he moved along kept Aeneas and his son at his side as companions, relieving the way with varied talk. Aeneas marvels as he turns his ready eyes all around, is charmed with the scene, and joyfully seeks and learns, one by one, the records of the men of yore. Then King Evander, founder of Rome's citadel: "In these woodlands the native Fauns and Nymphs once dwelt, and a race of men sprung from trunks of trees and hardy oak,<sup>2</sup> who had no rule nor art of life, and knew not how to

<sup>2</sup> cf. Homer, *Odyssey*, xix. 163, where Penelope says to the disguised Odysseus: "Tell me of thine own stock, whence thou art, for thou art not sprung of oak or rock, as told in olden tales."

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aut componere opes norant aut parcere parto,  
sed rami atque asper victu venatus alebat. 320  
primus ab aetherio venit Saturnus Olympo,  
arma lovis fugiens et regnis exsul ademptis.  
is genus indocile ac dispersum montibus altis  
composuit legesque dedit, Latiumque vocari  
maluit, his quoniam latuisset tutus in oris.  
aurea quae perhibent illo sub rege fuere  
saecula: sic placida populos in pace regebat, 325  
deterior donec paulatim ac decolor aetas  
et belli rabies et amor successit habendi.  
tum manus Ausonia et gentes venere Sicanae,  
saepius et nomen posuit Saturnia tellus;  
tum reges asperque immani corpore Thybris, 330  
a quo post Itali fluvium cognomine Thybrim  
diximus; amisit verum vetus Albula nomen.  
me pulsum patria pelagique extrema sequentem  
Fortuna omnipotens et ineluctabile fatum  
his posuere locis, matrisque egere tremenda 335  
Carmentis Nymphae monita et deus auctor Apollo.”  
Vix ea dicta, delinc progressus monstrat et aram  
et Carmentalem Romani nomine portam  
quam memorant, Nymphae priscum Carmentis  
honorem,  
vatis fatidicae, cecinit quae prima futuros 340  
Aeneadas magnos et nobile Pallanteum.  
hinc lucum ingentem, quem Romulus acer Asylum  
rettulit, et gelida monstrat sub rupe Lupercal,  
Parrhasio dictum Panos de more Lycæi.  
nec non et sacri monstrat nemus Argiletii 345

<sup>317</sup> parto] rapto *M<sup>1</sup>*.      <sup>324</sup> aureaque *P<sup>1</sup>*. fuerunt *P<sup>γ</sup>*.  
<sup>338</sup> Romano *R.*      <sup>341</sup> nomine *R:* nobine *P<sup>γ</sup>1*.

<sup>1</sup> Servius says: *Varro autem Latium dici putat, quod latet Italia inter praecipitia Alpium et Apennini.* Mommsen 82

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yoke the ox or to lay up stores, or to husband their gains ; but tree-branches nurtured them and the huntsman's savage fare. First from heavenly Olympus came Saturn, fleeing from the weapons of Jove and exiled from his lost realm. He gathered together the unruly race, scattered over mountain heights, and gave them laws, and chose that the land be called Latium, since in these borders he had found a safe hiding-place.<sup>1</sup> Under his reign were the golden ages men tell of : in such perfect peace he ruled the nations ; till little by little there crept in a race of worse sort and duller hue, the frenzy of war, and the passion for gain. Then came the Ausonian host and the Sicanian tribes, and oftentimes the land of Saturn laid aside her name.<sup>2</sup> Then kings arose, and fierce Thybris with giant bulk, from whose name we of Italy have since called our river Tiber ; her true name ancient Albula has lost. Myself, from fatherland an outcast and seeking the ends of the sea, almighty Fortune and inevitable Fate planted on this soil ; and the dread warnings of my mother, the nymph Carmentis, and Apollo's divine warrant, drove me hither."

337 Scarce had he finished, when, advancing, he points out the altar and the Carmental Gate, as the Romans call it, tribute of old to the Nymph Carmentis, soothtelling prophetess, who first foretold the greatness of Aeneas' sons, and the glory of Pallanteum. Next he shows him a vast grove, where valiant Romulus restored an Asylum, and, beneath a chill rock, the Lupercal, bearing after Arcadian wont the name of Lycaeum Pan. He shows withal the wood of holy Argiletum, and calls the place to regards *Latium* as "the plain," in contrast with "the mountains," and connected with πλατύς, "broad," and *latus*, "side." \* cf. Ausonia, Hesperia, Oenotria, Italia.

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testaturque locum et letum docet hospitis Argi.  
 hinc ad Tarpeiam sedem et Capitolia ducit,  
 aurea nunc, olim silvestribus horrida dumis.  
 iam tum religio pavidos terrebat agrestis  
 dira loci, iam tum silvam saxumque tremebant. 350  
 "hoc nemus, hunc," inquit, "frondoso vertice collem,  
 quis deus incertum est, habitat deus; Arcades ipsum  
 credunt se vidisse Iovem, cum saepe nigrantem  
 aegida concuteret dextra nimbosque cieret.  
 haec duo praeterea disiectis oppida muris, 355  
 reliquias veterumque vides monumenta virorum.  
 hanc Ianus pater, hanc Saturnus condidit arcem;  
 Ianiculum huic, illi fuerat Saturnia nomen."

Talibus inter se dictis ad tecta subibant  
 pauperis Euandri, passimque armenta videbant 360  
 Romanoque Foro et lautis mugire Carinis.  
 ut ventum ad sedes, "haec," inquit, "limina victor  
 Alcides subiit, haec illum regia cepit.  
 aude, hospes, contemnere opes et te quoque dignum  
 finge deo, rebusque veni non asper egenis." 365  
 dixit et angusti subter fastigia tecti  
 ingentem Aenean duxit stratisque locavit  
 effultum foliis et pelle Libystidis ursae.  
 nox ruit et fuscis tellurem amplectitur alis.

At Venus haud animo nequ quam exterrita mater,  
 Laurentumque minis et duro mota tumultu, 371  
 Volcanum adloquitur, thalamoque haec coniugis aureo  
 incipit et dictis divinum adspirat amorem:  
 "dum bello Argolici vastabant Pergama reges

<sup>360</sup> tenebant *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>357</sup> arcem] urbem *M<sup>2</sup>R.*

<sup>361</sup> latis *M<sup>1</sup>*: cavernis *R.*

<sup>365</sup> deos *P<sup>2</sup>*.

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<sup>1</sup> The Argiletum probably gets its name from *argilla*, "white clay."

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witness, and tells of the death of Argus his guest.<sup>1</sup> Hence he leads him to the Tarpeian house, and the Capitol—golden now, once bristling with woodland thickets. Even then the dread sanctity of the region awed the trembling rustics ; even then they shuddered at the forest and the rock. “This grove,” he cries, “this hill with its leafy crown,—though we know not what god it is—is yet a god’s home : my Arcadians believe they have looked on Jove himself, while oft his right hand shook the darkening aegis and summoned the storm-clouds. Moreover, in these two towns, with walls o’erthrown, thou seest the relics and memorials of men of old. This fort father Janus built, that Saturn ; Janiculum was this called, that *Saturnia*.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>35</sup> So talking, each with each, they drew nigh the house of the poor Evander, and saw cattle all about, lowing in the Roman Forum and the brilliant Carinae. When they reached his dwelling : “These portals,” he cries, “victorious Alcides stooped to enter ; this mansion welcomed him. Dare, my guest, to scorn riches ; fashion thyself also to be worthy of deity, and come not disdainful of our poverty.” He said, and beneath the roof of his lowly dwelling led great Aeneas, and laid him on a couch of strewn leaves and the skin of a Libyan bear. Night rushes down, and clasps the earth with dusky wings.

<sup>370</sup> But Venus, her mother’s heart dismayed by no idle fear, moved by the threats and stern uprising of the Laurentes, addresses Vulcan, and in her golden nuptial chamber thus begins, breathing into her words divine love ; “While Argive kings were

<sup>1</sup> cf. Cato: *Saturnia olim, ubi nunc Capitolium.* The fort of Janus was the Janiculum, on the right bank of the Tiber.

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debita casurasque inimicis ignibus arces, 375  
 non ullum auxilium miseris, non arma rogavi  
 artis opisque tuae, nec te, carissime coniunx,  
 incassumve tuos volui exercere labores,  
 quamvis et Priami deberem plurima natis,  
 et durum Aeneae flevissem saepe laborem. 380  
 nunc Iovis imperiis Rutulorum constitit oris :  
 ergo eadem supplex venio et sanctum mihi numen  
 arma rogo, genetrix nato. te filia Nerei,  
 te potuit lacrimis Tithonia flectere coniunx.  
 aspice, qui coeant populi, quae moenia clausis 385  
 ferrum acuant portis in me excidiumque meorum."

Dixerat et niveis hinc atque hinc diva lacertis  
 cunctantem amplexu molli fovet. ille repente  
 accepit solitam flammatum, notusque medullas  
 intravit calor et labefacta per ossa cucurrit, 390  
 non secus atque olim, tonitru cum rupta corusco  
 ignea rima micans percurrit lumine nimbos.  
 sensit laeta dolis et formae conscientia coniunx.  
 tum pater aeterno fatur devinctus amore :  
 "quid causas petis ex alto ? fiducia ces̄sit 395  
 quo tibi, diva, mei ? similis si cura fuisset,  
 tum quoque fas nobis Teucros armare fuisset ;  
 nec pater omnipotens Troiam nec fata vetabant  
 stare decemque alios Priamum superesse per annos.  
 et nunc, si bellare paras atque haec tibi mens est, 400  
 quidquid in arte mea possum promittere curae,

<sup>378</sup> -ve] -que *M.*

<sup>382</sup> nomen γ : numen (*u written in rasura*) *P.*

<sup>390</sup> calefacta *R.* <sup>391</sup> non] haut *M.*

<sup>394</sup> devictus *Pγ<sup>1</sup>.*

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ravaging Troy's doomed towers, and her ramparts fated to fall by hostile flames, no aid for the sufferers did I ask, no weapons of thine art and power ; no, dearest consort, I would not task thee or thy toils for naught, heavy as was my debt to Priam's sons, and many the tears I shed for Aeneas' sore distress. Now, by Jove's commands, he has set foot in the Rutulian borders ; therefore, I, who ne'er asked before, come a suppliant, and ask arms of the deity I revere, a mother for her son. Thee the daughter of Nereus, thee the spouse of Tithonus, could sway with tears.<sup>1</sup> Lo ! what nations are mustering, what cities with closed gates whet the sword against me and the lives of my people !"

387 She ceased, and, as he falters, throws her snowy arms round about him and fondles him in soft embrace. At once he caught the wonted flame ; the familiar warmth passed into his marrow and ran through his melting frame : even as when at times, bursting amid the thunder's peal, a sparkling streak of fire courses through the storm-clouds with dazzling light. His consort knew it, rejoicing in her wiles, and conscious of her beauty. Then spoke her lord, enchanted by immortal love : " Why seekest so far for pleas ? Whither, goddess, has fled thy faith in me ? Had like care been thine, in those days too it had been right for me to arm the Trojans ; nor was the almighty Father nor Fate unwilling that Troy stand or Priam live for ten years more. And now, if war is thy purpose, and this is thy intent, whatever care I can promise in my craft, whatever can be achieved

<sup>1</sup> Thetis, the daughter of Nereus, asked Hephaestus (Vulcan) to make armour for her son Achilles (*Iliad*, xviii. 428 ff.). Aurora, wife of Tithonus, asked Vulcan to give armour to her son Memnon (*cf.* l. 489).

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quod fieri ferro liquidove potest electro,  
 quantum ignes animaeque valent, absiste precando  
 viribus indubitare tuis." ea verba locutus  
 optatos dedit amplexus placidumque petivit      405  
 coniugis infusus gremio per membra soporem.

Inde ubi prima quies medio iam noctis abactae  
 curriculo expulerat somnum, cum femina primum,  
 cui tolerare colo vitam tenuique Minerva  
 impositum, cinerem et sopitos suscitat ignis,      410  
 noctem addens operi, famulasque ad lumina longo  
 exercet penso, castum ut servare cubile  
 coniugis et possit parvos educere natos :  
 haud secus Ignipotens nec tempore segnior illo  
 mollibus e stratis opera ad fabrilia surgit.      415

Insula Sicanius iuxta latus Aeoliamque  
 erigitur Liparen, fumantibus ardua saxis,  
 quam subter specus et Cyclopum exesa caminis  
 antra Aetnaea tonant, validique incudibus ictus  
 audit referunt gemitus, striduntque cavernis      420  
 stricturae Chalybum et fornacibus ignis anhelat,  
 Volcani domus et Volcania nomine tellus.  
 hoc tunc Ignipotens caelo descendit ab alto.

Ferrum exercebant vasto Cyclopes in antro,  
 Brontesque Steropesque et nudus membra Py-  
 racmon.      425

his informatum manibus iam parte polita  
 fulmen erat, toto genitor quae plurima caelo  
 deicit in terras, pars imperfecta manebat.  
 tris imbris torti radios, tris nubis aquosae  
 addiderant, rutili tris ignis et alitis Austri.      430  
 fulgores nunc terrificos sonitumque metumque  
 miscebant operi flammisque sequacibus iras.

<sup>406</sup> infusum *P<sup>1</sup>R<sup>1</sup>*, known to Servius as the reading of *Probus*.

<sup>412</sup> exercens *M*.      <sup>420</sup> gemitum *R*,

<sup>423</sup> hoc *P<sub>7</sub><sup>1</sup>*, tum *P<sub>7</sub><sup>1</sup>*,

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with iron or molten electrum, whatever fire and air may avail—cease with entreaty to mistrust thy powers!" Thus speaking, he gave the desired embrace, and, sinking on the bosom of his spouse, wooed calm slumber in every limb.

<sup>407</sup> Then, so soon as repose had banished sleep, in the mid career of now waning night, what time a housewife, whose task it is to eke out life with her distaff and Minerva's humble toil, awakes the embers and slumbering fire, adding night to her day's work, and keeps her handmaids toiling by lamplight at the long task, that she may preserve chaste her husband's bed, and rear her little sons: even so, and not more slothful at that hour, the Lord of Fire rises from his soft couch to the work of his smithy.

<sup>416</sup> Hard by the Sicanian coast and Aeolian Lipare rises an island, steep with smoking rocks. Beneath it thunders a cave, and the vaults of Aetna, scooped out by Cyclopean forges; strong strokes are heard echoing groans from the anvils, masses of Chalyb steel hiss in the caverns, and the fire pants in the furnace—the home of Vulcan and the land Vulcan's by name. Hither in that hour the Lord of Fire came down from high heaven.

<sup>424</sup> In the vast cave the Cyclopes were forging iron—Brontes and Steropes and Pyracmon with bared limbs. They had a thunderbolt, which their hands had shaped, such as full many the Father hurls down from all heaven upon earth, part already polished, while part remained unfinished. Three rays of twisted hail had they added to it, three of watery cloud, three of ruddy flame and the winged southern wind; now they were blending with the work frightful flashes, sound, and fear, and wrath with pursuing

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parte alia Marti currumque rotasque volucris  
instabant, quibus ille viros, quibus excitat urbes,  
aegidaque horriferam, turbatae Palladis arma, 435  
certatim squamis serpentum auroque polibant,  
conexosque anguis ipsamque in pectore divae  
Gorgona, desecto vertentem lumina collo.

“tollite cuncta,” inquit, “coepitosque auferte labores,  
Aetnaei Cyclopes, et huc advertite mentem : 440  
arma acri facienda viro. nunc viribus usus,  
nunc manibus rapidis, omni nunc arte magistra.  
praecipitate moras.” nec plura effatus ; at illi  
ocius incubuere omnes pariterque laborem  
sortiti. fluit aes rivis aurique metallum 445  
volnificusque chalybs vasta fornace liquevit.  
ingentem clipeum informant, unum omnia contra  
tela Latinorum, septenosque orbibus orbis  
impedient. alii ventosis follibus auras  
acciipiunt redduntque, alii stridentia tingunt  
aera lacu. gemit impositis incudibus antrum.  
illi inter sese multa vi bracchia tollunt  
in numerum versantque tenaci forcipe massam.

Haec pater Aeoliis properat dum Lemnius oris,  
Euandrum ex humili tecto lux suscitat alma 455  
et matutini volucrum sub culmine cantus.  
consurgit senior tunicaque inducitur artus  
et Tyrrhena pedum circumdat vincula plantis ;  
tum lateri atque umeris Tegeaeum subligat ensem,  
demissa ab laeva pantherae terga retorquens. 460  
nec non et gemini custodes limine ab alto

<sup>438</sup> deiecto R.

<sup>443</sup> at] et P<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Georgics*, iv. 171-175.

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flames. Elsewhere they were hurrying on for Mars a chariot and flying wheels, wherewith he stirs up men and cities ; and eagerly with golden scales of serpents were burnishing the awful aegis, armour of wrathful Pallas, the interwoven snakes, and the Gorgon's self on the breast of the goddess, with neck severed and eyes revolving. "Away with all !" he cries ; "take hence your tasks begun, Cyclopes of Aetna, and hither turn your thoughts ! Arms for a brave warrior must ye make. Now is need of strength, now of swift hands, now of all your masterful skill. Fling off delay !" No more he said ; but they with speed all bent to the toil, allotting the labour equally. Brass and golden ore flow in streams, and wounding steel is molten in the vast furnace. A giant shield they shape, to confront alone all the weapons of the Latins, and weld it sevenfold, circle on circle. Some with panting bellows make the blasts come and go, others dip the hissing brass in the lake, while the cavern groans under the anvils laid upon it. They with mighty force, now one, now another, raise their arms in measured cadence, and turn the metal with gripping tongs.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>454</sup> While on the Aeolian shores the lord of Lemnos speeds on this work, the kindly light and the morning songs of birds beneath the eaves roused Evander from his humble home. The old man rises, clothes his limbs in a tunic, and wraps his feet in Tyrrhenian sandals. Then to his side and shoulders he buckles his Tegean sword, twisting back the panther's hide that drooped from the left.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, two guardian

<sup>1</sup> The hide is probably brought round to the right side, so as not to be in the way of the sword-hilt, which is on the left. Others take it to mean "flinging back (over the shoulder) a hide, so that it hung down over the left."

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praecedunt gressumque canes comitantur erilem.  
 hospitis Aeneae sedem et secreta petebat  
 sermonum memor et promissi muneris heros :  
 nec minus Aeneas se matutinus agebat :                    465  
 filius huic Pallas, illi comes ibat Achates.  
 congressi iungunt dextras mediisque residunt  
 aedibus et licito tandem sermone fruuntur.  
 rex prior haec :

“ Maxime Teucrorum ductor, quo sospite numquam  
 res equidem Troiae victas aut regna fatebor,            471  
 nobis ad belli auxilium pro nomine tanto  
 exiguae vires : hinc Tusco claudimur amni,  
 hinc Rutulus premit et murum circumsonat armis.  
 sed tibi ego ingentis populos opulentaque regnis    475  
 iungere castra paro, quam fors inopina salutem  
 ostentat. fatis huc te poscentibus adfers.  
 haud procul hinc saxo incolitur fundata vetusto  
 urbis Agyllinae sedes, ubi Lydia quondam  
 gens, bello paeclaris, iugis insedit Etruscis.        480  
 hanc multos florentem annos rex deinde superbo  
 imperio et saevis tenuit Mezentius armis.  
 quid memorem infandas caedes, quid facta tyranni  
 effera ? di capiti ipsius generique reservent !  
 mortua quin etiam iungebat corpora vivis,            485  
 componens manibusque manus atque oribus ora,  
 tormenti genus, et sanie taboque fluentis  
 complexu in misero longa sic morte necabat.  
 at fessi tandem cives infanda furentem  
 armati circumsistunt ipsumque domumque,            490

<sup>462</sup> procedunt *P<sup>1</sup>*.    <sup>472</sup> numine *P<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>474</sup> circumsonat *M<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>477</sup> adfer known to Servius.

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dogs go before from the lofty threshold, and attend their master's steps. To the lodging and seclusion of his guest, Aeneas, the hero made his way, mindful of his words and the service promised. Nor less early was Aeneas astir. With the one walked his son Pallas; with the other, Achates. As they meet, they clasp hands, sit them down in the midst of the mansion, and at last enjoy free converse. The king thus begins:

470 "Mightiest captain of the Teucrians,—for, while thou livest, never will I own the power or realm of Troy vanquished—our strength to aid in war is scant for such a name.<sup>1</sup> On this side we are hemmed in by the Tuscan river; on that the Rutulian presses hard, and thunders in arms about our wall. Yet I purpose to link with thee mighty peoples and a camp rich in kingdoms,<sup>2</sup>—the salvation that unforeseen chance reveals. 'Tis at the call of Fate thou comest hither. Not far hence, builded of ancient stone, lies the peopled city of Agylla, where of old the war-famed Lydian race settled on the Etruscan heights. For many years it prospered, till King Mezentius ruled it with arrogant sway and cruel arms. Why recount the despot's heinous murders? Why his savage deeds? God keep the like for himself and for his breed! Nay, he would even link dead bodies with the living, fitting hand to hand and face to face (grim torture!) and, in the oozy slime and poison of that dread embrace, thus slay them by a lingering death. But at last, outworn, his citizens in arms besiege the monstrous madman, himself and

<sup>1</sup> It is Evander's name and fame that brought Aeneas hither.

<sup>2</sup> A reference to the twelve states of Etruria governed by their *Lucumones*.

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obtruncant socios, ignem ad fastigia iactant.  
 ille inter caedem Rutulorum elapsus in agros  
 confugere et Turni defendier hospitis armis.  
 ergo omnis furiis surrexit Etruria iustis,  
 regem ad supplicium praesenti Marte reposcunt. 495  
 his ego te, Aenea, ductorem milibus addam.  
 toto namque fremunt condensae litore puppes,  
 signaque ferre iubent; retinet longaevus haruspex  
 fata canens: 'o Maeoniae delecta iuventus,  
 flos veterum virtusque virum, quos iustus in hostem  
 fert dolor et merita accendit Mezentius ira, 501  
 nulli fas Italo tantam subiungere gentem:  
 externos optate duces.' tum Etrusca resedit  
 hoc acies campo, monitis exterrita divum.  
 ipse oratores ad me regnique coronam 505  
 cum sceptro misit mandatque insignia Tarchon,  
 succedam castris Tyrrhenaque regna capessam.  
 sed mihi tarda gelu saeclisque effeta senectus  
 invidet imperium seraeque ad fortia vires.  
 natum exhortarer, ni mixtus matre Sabella 510  
 hinc partem patriae traheret. tu, cuius et annis  
 et generi fata indulgent, quem numina poscunt,  
 ingredere, o Teucrum atque Italum fortissime ductor.  
 hunc tibi praeterea, spes et solacia nostri,  
 Pallanta adiungam; sub te tolerare magistro 515  
 militiam et grave Martis opus, tua cernere facta  
 adsuescat, primis et te miretur ab annis.  
 Arcadas huic equites bis centum, robora pubis  
 lecta, dabo, totidemque suo tibi nomine Pallas."  
 Vix ea fatus erat, defixique ora tenebant 520  
 Aeneas Anchisiades et fidus Achates

<sup>492</sup> caedes *M<sup>2</sup>P.*

<sup>512</sup> fatum *P<sup>1</sup>R<sup>1</sup>*. indulges *P<sup>1</sup>*: indulget *R.*

<sup>519</sup> suo sibi *P<sup>2</sup><sup>1</sup>*: tuo sibi *M<sup>1</sup>*. nomine *Mc*, *Servius*: munere *PRb.*

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his palace, cut down his followers, and hurl fire on his roof. He, amid the carnage, flees for refuge to Rutulian soil, and finds shelter among the weapons of Turnus his friend. So all Etruria has risen in righteous fury ; with instant war they demand the king for punishment. Of these thousands, Aeneas, I will make thee chief ; for their ships throng all the shore clamouring, and they bid the standards advance, but the aged soothsayer restrains them with prophecy of fate : ‘ O chosen warriors of Maeonia, flower and chivalry of an olden race,—ye, whom just resentment launches against the foe, and Mezentius inflames with righteous wrath, no man of Italy may sway a race so proud : choose ye stranger leaders ! ’ At that the Etruscan lines settled down on yonder plain, awed by Heaven’s warning ; Tarchon himself has sent me envoys with the royal crown and sceptre, and offers the ensigns of power, bidding me join the camp and mount the Tyrrhene throne. But the frost of sluggish eld, outworn with years, and strength too sere for deeds of valour, begrudge me the command. My son would I urge thereto, were it not that, of mingled blood by Sabine mother, he drew from her a share in his fatherland. Thou, to whose years and race Fate is kind, whom Heaven calls, take up thy task, most valiant leader of Trojans and Italians both. Nay more, I will join with thee Pallas here, our hope and comfort ; under thy guidance let him learn to endure warfare and the stern work of battle ; let him behold thy deeds, and revere thee from his early years. To him will I give two hundred Arcadian horse, choice flower of our manhood, and in his own name Pallas will give thee as many more.”

<sup>520</sup> Scarce had he ended ; and Aeneas son of Anchises and faithful Achates, holding their eyes

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multaque dura suo tristi cum corde putabant,  
ni signum caelo Cytherea dedisset aperto.  
namque improviso vibratus ab aethere fulgor  
cum sonitu venit et ruere omnia visa repente      525  
Tyrrhenusque tubae mugire per aethera clangor.  
suspiciunt: iterum atque iterum fragor increpat  
ingens;  
arma inter nubem caeli in regione serena  
per sudum rutilare vident et pulsa tonare.  
obstipuere animis alii, sed Troius heros      530  
adgnovit sonitum et divae promissa parentis.  
tum memorat, "ne vero, hospes, ne quaere profecto,  
quem casum portenta ferant: ego poscor Olympo;  
hoc signum cecinit missuram diva creatrix,  
si bellum ingrueret, Volcaniaque arma per auras      535  
laturam auxilio.  
heu quantae miseris caedes Laurentibus instant!  
quas poenas mihi, Turne, dabis! quam multa sub  
undas  
scuta virum galeasque et fortia corpora volves,  
Thybri pater! poscant acies et foedera rumpant."      540  
Haec ubi dicta dedit, solio se tollit ab alto  
et primum Herculeis sopitas ignibus aras  
excitat hesternumque Larem parvosque Penatis  
laetus adit; mactant lectas de more bidentis  
Euandrus pariter, pariter Troiana iuventus.      545  
post hinc ad navis graditur sociosque revisit:  
quorum de numero, qui sese in bella sequantur,  
praestantis virtute legit; pars cetera prona  
fertur aqua segnisque secundo defluit amni,  
nuntia ventura Ascanio rerumque patrisque.      550

<sup>527</sup> intonat *Servius.*    <sup>528</sup> in omitted *M<sup>1</sup>.*    <sup>529</sup> sonare *PRγ<sup>1</sup>.*  
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downcast, would long have mused on many a peril in their own sad hearts, had not Cythera's queen granted a sign from the cloudless sky. For unforeseen, comes quivering from heaven a flash with thunder, and all seemed in a moment to reel, while the Tyrian trumpet-blast pealed through the sky. They glance up; again and yet again crashed the mighty roar. In the serene expanse of heaven they see arms, amid the clouds, gleaming red in the clear air, and clashing in thunder. The rest stood aghast; but the Trojan hero knew the sound and the promise of his goddess mother. Then he cries: "Ask not, my friend, ask not, I pray, what fortune the portents bode; 'tis I who am summoned of Heaven. This sign the goddess who bore me foretold she would send, if war was at hand, and to my succour would bring through the air arms wrought by Vulcan. Alas, what carnage awaits the hapless Laurentines! What a price, Turnus, shalt thou pay me! How many shields and helms and bodies of the brave, shalt thou, O father Tiber, sweep beneath thy waves! Let them call for battle and break their covenants!"

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<sup>541</sup> These words said, he rose from his lofty throne, and first quickens the slumbering altars with fire to Hercules, and gladly draws nigh the Lar of yesterday<sup>1</sup> and the lowly household gods. Alike Evander, and alike the warriors of Troy, offer up ewes duly chosen. Next he fares to the ships and revisits his men, of whose number he chooses the foremost in valour to attend him to war; the rest glide down the stream and idly float with the favouring current, to bear news to Ascanius of his father and his fortunes.

<sup>1</sup> We are to assume that, on the day of his arrival, Aeneas had offered sacrifice to the Lar, or tutelary spirit, of the dwelling whose hospitality he enjoyed.

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dantur equi Teucris Tyrrhena potentibus arva ;  
ducunt exortem Aeneae, quem fulva leonis  
pellis obit totum, praefulgens unguibus aureis.

Fama volat parvam subito volgata per urbem,  
ocius ire equites Tyrrheni ad litora regis. 555  
vota metu duplicant matres, propiusque periclo  
it timor et maior Martis iam apparet imago.  
tum pater Euandrus dextram complexus euntis  
haeret, inexpletus lacrimans, ac talia fatur :  
“ o mihi praeteritos referat si Iuppiter annos, 560  
qualis eram, cum primam aciem Praeneste sub ipsa  
stravi scutorumque incendi victor acervos  
et regem hac Erulum dextra sub Tartara misi,  
nascenti cui tris animas Feronia mater  
(horrendum dictu) dederat, terna arma movenda 565  
(ter leto sternendus erat ; cui tum tamen omnis  
abstulit haec animas dextra et totidem exuit armis) :  
non ego nunc dulci amplexu divellerer usquam,  
nate, tuo, neque finitimo Mezentius umquam  
huic capiti insultans tot ferro saeva dedisset 570  
funera, tam multis viduasset civibus urbem.  
at vos, o superi, et divom tu maxime rector  
Iuppiter, Arcadii, quaeso, miserescite regis  
et patrias audite preces : si numina vestra  
incolumem Pallanta mihi, si fata reservant, 575  
si visurus eum vivo et venturus in unum,  
vitam oro, patior quemvis durare laborem.  
sin aliquem infandum casum, Fortuna, minaris,  
nunc, nunc o liceat crudelem abrumpere vitam,  
dum curae ambiguae, dum spes incerta futuri, 580

<sup>555</sup> Tyrrhena *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*. limina *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*. <sup>556</sup> proprius *PR*.

<sup>559</sup> inexpletum *P<sup>1</sup>*, preferred by Servius. lacrimis *M*, known to Servius. <sup>566</sup> tunc *MPRγc*: tum *b*.

<sup>569</sup> finitimos *P*. usquam *PRγ<sup>1</sup>*. <sup>571</sup> munera *P<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>576</sup> vivum *R*. <sup>577</sup> patiar *P<sup>2</sup>γ*. <sup>579</sup> nunc o nunc *R*.

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Horses are given to the Teucrians who seek the Tyrrhene fields ; for Aeneas they lead forth a chosen steed, all caparisoned in a tawny lion's skin, glittering with claws of gold.

<sup>554</sup> Suddenly, spreading through the little town, flies a rumour, that horsemen are speeding to the shores of the Tyrrhene king. In alarm mothers redouble their vows ; more close on peril treads fear, and the image of the War-god now looms larger. Then Evander, clasping the hand of his departing son, clings to him insatiate in tears and thus speaks : " O if Jupiter would bring me back the years that are sped, and make me what I was when under Praeneste's very walls I struck down the foremost ranks, burned the up-piled shields, victorious, and with this right hand sent down to Tartarus King Erulus, whom at his birth his mother Feronia had given (awful to tell !) three lives with threefold armour to wear—thrice had he to be laid low in death ; yet on that day this hand bereft him of all his lives and as often stripped him of his armour—then never should I now be torn, my son, from thy sweet embrace. Never on this his neighbour's head would Mezentius have heaped scorn, dealt with the sword so many cruel deaths, nor widowed the city of so many of her sons ! But ye, O powers above, and thou, O Jupiter, mighty ruler of the gods, pity, I pray, the Arcadian king, and hear a father's prayer. If your will, if destiny keep my Pallas safe, if I live still to see him, still to meet him, for life I pray ; any toil soever have I patience to endure. But if, O Fortune, thou threatenest some dread mischance, now, oh, now may I break the thread of cruel life, —while fears are doubtful, while hope reads not the

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dum te, care puer, mea sera et sola voluptas,  
complexu teneo, gravior neu nuntius auris  
volneret." haec genitor digressu dicta supremo  
fundebat ; famuli conlapsum in tecta ferebant.

➤ Iamque adeo exierat portis equitatus apertis, 585  
Aeneas inter primos et fidus Achates,  
inde alii Troiae proceres, ipse agmine Pallas  
in medio, chlamyde et pictis conspectus in armis,  
qualis ubi Oceani perfusus Lucifer unda,  
quem Venus ante alias astrorum diligit ignis, 590  
extulit os sacrum caelo tenebrasque resolvit.  
stant pavidae in muris matres oculisque sequuntur  
pulveream nubem et fulgentis aere catervas.  
olli per dumos, qua proxima meta viarum,  
armati tendunt ; it clamor, et agmine facto 595  
quadrupedante putrem sonitu quatit ungula campum.

Est ingens gelidum lucus prope Caeritis amnem,  
religione patrum late sacer ; undique colles  
inclusere cavi et nigra nemus abiete cingunt.  
Silvano fama est veteres sacrasse Pelasgos, 600  
arvorum pecorisque deo, lucumque diemque,  
qui primi finis aliquando habuere Latinos.  
haud procul hinc Tarcho et Tyrrheni tuta tenebant  
castra locis, celsoque omnis de colle videri  
iam poterat legio et latis tendebat in arvis. 605  
huc pater Aeneas et bello lecta iuventus  
succedunt, fessique et equos et corpora curant.

At Venus aetherios inter dea candida nimbos  
dona ferens aderat ; natumque in valle reducta  
ut procul egelido secretum flumine vidit, 610

<sup>581</sup> sola et sera R.      <sup>582</sup> complexus M<sup>2</sup>R. ne P<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>583</sup> dicta] maesta M<sup>1</sup>.      <sup>610</sup> et gelido M<sup>2</sup>PRγ.

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future, while thou, beloved boy; my late and lone delight, art held in my embracē; and may no heavier tidings wound mine ear ! " These words the father poured forth at their last parting; his servants bore him swooning within the palace.

<sup>585</sup> And now the horsemen had issued from the open gates, Aeneas at their head with loyal Achates, then other princes of Troy; Pallas himself at the column's centre, conspicuous in scarf and blazoned armour—even as the Morning Star, whom Venus loves above all the stellar fires, when, bathed in Ocean's wave, he uplifts in heaven his sacred head and melts the darkness. On the walls mothers stand trembling, and follow with their eyes the dusty cloud and the squadrons gleaming with brass. They through the brushwood, where the journey's goal is nearest, fare in their armour; a shout mounts up, they form in column, and with galloping tramp the horse-hoof shakes the crumbling plain.

<sup>597</sup> Near Caere's cold stream there stands a vast grove, widely revered with ancestral awe; on all sides curving hills enclose it, and girdle the woodland with dark fir-trees. Rumour tells that the old Pelasgians who first, in time gone by, held the Latin borders, dedicated both grove and festal day to Silvanus, god of fields and flock. Not far from thence Tarchon and the Tyrrhenians camped in a sheltered spot, and now from a high hill all the host could be seen, their tents pitched in the wide fields. Hither come father Aeneas and the warriors chosen for battle, and refresh their steeds and wearied frames.

<sup>608</sup> But Venus, lovely goddess, drew nigh, bearing her gifts amid the clouds of heaven; and when afar she saw her son apart in a secluded vale by the cool

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talibus adfata est dicitur seque obtulit ultro :

"en perfecta mea promissa coniugis arte  
munera, ne mox aut Laurentis, nate, superbos,  
aut acrem diribites in proelia poscere Turnum."

dixit et amplexus nati Cytherea petivit,  
arma sub adversa posuit radiantia queru.

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ille, deae donis et tanto laetus honore,  
explicet nequit atque oculos per singula volvit,

miraturque interque manus et bracchia versat  
terribilem cristis galeam flamasque vomentem,

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fatiferumque ensem, loricam ex aere rigentem,  
sanguineam, ingentem, qualis cum caerula nubes

solis inardescit radiis longeque refulget ;  
tum levis ocreas electro auroque recocito,

hastamque et clipei non enarrabile textum.

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Illic res Italas Romanorumque triumphos  
haud vatum ignarus venturique inscius aevi

fecerat Ignipotens, illic genus omne futurae  
stirpis ab Ascanio pugnataque in ordine bella.

fecerat et viridi fetam Mavortis in antro

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procubuisse lupam, geminos huic ubera circum  
ludere pendentis pueros et lambere matrem

impavidos, illam tereti cervice reflexa

mulcere alternos et corpora fingere lingua.

nec procul hinc Romam et raptas sine more Sabinas

consessu caveae, magnis Circensibus actis,

addiderat, subitoque novum consurgere bellum

Romulidis Tatioque seni Curibusque severis.

post idem inter se posito certamine reges

armati Iovis ante aram paterasque tenentes

640

stabant et caesa iungebant foedera porca.

haud procul inde citae Mettum in diversa quadrigae

<sup>620</sup> minante *M*.

<sup>633</sup> reflexam *M*.

<sup>628</sup> omnipotens *M*.

<sup>640</sup> aras *R*. pateram *M*.

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stream, she thus addressed him, of free will presenting herself to view ; “ Lo ! the presents perfected by my lord’s promised skill ! so that thou mayest not shrink, my child, from challenging anon the haughty Laurentines or brave Turnus to battle.” Cytherea spake, and sought her son’s embrace, and set up the arms all radiant under an oak before him. He, rejoicing in the divine gift and in honour thus signal, cannot be sated, as he rolls his eyes from piece to piece, admiring and turning over in his hands and arms the helmet, terrific with plumes and spouting flames, the death-dealing sword, the stiff brazen corslet, blood-red and huge,—even as when a dark-blue cloud kindles with the sun’s rays and gleams afar ; then the smooth greaves of electrum and refined gold, the spear, and the shield’s ineffable fabric.

<sup>626</sup> There the story of Italy and the triumphs of Rome had the Lord of Fire fashioned, not unversed in prophecy, or unknowing of the age to come ; there, every generation of the stock to spring from Ascanius, and the wars they fought one by one. He had fashioned, too, the mother-wolf outstretched in the green cave of Mars ; around her teats the twin boys hung playing, and mouthed their dam without fear ; she, with shapely neck bent back, fondled them by turns, and moulded their limbs with her tongue. Not far from this he had set Rome and the Sabines, lawlessly carried off, what time the great Circus-games were held, from the theatre’s seated throng ; then the sudden uprising of a fresh war between the sons of Romulus and aged Tatius and his stern Cures. Next, the self-same kings, their strife laid at rest, stood armed before Jove’s altar, cup in hand, and each with each made covenant o’er sacrifice of swine. Not far thence, four-horse cars, driven apart, had torn Mettus

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distulerant (at tu dictis, Albane, maneres !)  
 raptabatque viri mendacis viscera Tullus  
 per silvam, et sparsi rorabant sanguine vepres. 645  
 nec non Tarquinium eiectum Porsenna iubebat  
 accipere ingentique urbem obsidione premebat ;  
 Aeneadae in ferrum pro libertate ruebant.  
 illum indignanti similem similemque minanti  
 aspiceres, pontem auderet quia vellere Cocles 650  
 et fluvium vinclis innaret Cloelia ruptis.

In summo custos Tarpeiae Manlius arcis  
 stabat pro templo et Capitolia celsa tenebat,  
 Romuleoque recens horrebat regia culmo.  
 atque hic auratis volitans argenteus anser 655  
 porticibus Gallos in limine adesse canebat ;  
 Galli per dumos aderant arcemque tenebant,  
 defensi tenebris et dono noctis opacae :  
 aurea caesaries ollis atque aurea vestis,  
 virgatis lucent sagulis, tum lactea colla 660  
 auro innectuntur, duo quisque Alpina coruscant  
 gaesa manu, scutis protecti corpora longis.  
 hic exsultantis Salios nudosque Lupercos  
 lanigerosque apices et lapsa ancilia caelo  
 extuderat, castae ducebant sacra per urbem 665  
 pilentis matres in mollibus. hinc procul addit  
 Tartareaas etiam sedes, alta ostia Ditis,  
 et scelerum poenas, et te, Catilina, minaci  
 pendentem scopulo Furiarumque ora trementem ;

<sup>643</sup> dispulerant *M<sup>2</sup>*.<sup>660</sup> tunc *P<sup>γ</sup>*.<sup>657</sup> Galli] olli *R.*<sup>661</sup> coruscat *P<sup>γ</sup><sup>1</sup>*.

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<sup>1</sup> In the imperial city there was a "house of Romulus," with thatched roof, on both the Capitol and the Palatine.

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asunder (but thou, O Alban, shouldst have stood by thy words !), and Tullus dragged through the woods the liar's limbs, and the brambles dripped with dew of blood. There, too, was Porsenna, bidding them admit the banished Tarquin, and hemming the city with mighty siege : the sons of Aeneas rushed on the sword for freedom's sake. Him thou mightest have seen like one in wrath, like one who threats, for that Cocles dared to tear down the bridge, and Cloelia broke her bonds and swam the river.

<sup>652</sup> At the top, Manlius, warder of the Tarpeian fort, stood before the temple, and held the lofty Capitol ; the palace was rough, fresh with the thatch of Romulus.<sup>1</sup> And here the silver goose,<sup>2</sup> fluttering through gilded colonnades, cried that the Gauls were on the threshold. The Gauls were near amid the thickets, laying hold of the fort, shielded by darkness, and the boon of shadowy night. Golden are their locks and golden their raiment ; they glitter in striped cloaks, and their milk-white necks are entwined with gold ; two Alpine pikes each brandishes in hand, and long shields guard their limbs. Here he had wrought the dancing Salii and naked Luperci, the crests bound with wool, and the shields that fell from heaven ; and in cushioned cars chaste matrons moved through the city in solemn progress.<sup>3</sup> Away from these he adds also the abodes of Hell, the high gates of Dis, the penalties of sin, and thee, Catiline, hanging on a frowning cliff, and trembling at the

<sup>1</sup> In 390 B.C., when the Gauls attacked the Capitol, they were driven back by Manlius, who had been roused from sleep by cackling geese.

<sup>2</sup> Roman matrons were allowed to ride at sacred processions in *pilenta*, because of their self-sacrifice after the capture of Veii, 395 B.C.

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spargitur, arva nova Neptunia caede rubescunt. 695  
 regina in mediis patrio vocat agmina sistro,  
 neendum etiam geminos a tergo respicit anguis.  
 omnigenumque deum monstra et latrator Anubis  
 contra Neptunum et Venerem contraque Minervam  
 tela tenent. saevit medio in certamine Mavors 700  
 caelatus ferro, tristesque ex aethere Dirae,  
 et scissa gaudens vadit Discordia palla,  
 quam cum sanguineo sequitur Bellona flagello.  
 Actius haec cernens arcum intendebat Apollo  
 desuper : omnis eo terrore Aegyptus et Indi, 705  
 omnis Arabs, omnes vertebant terga Sabaei.  
 ipsa videbatur ventis regina vocatis  
 vela dare et laxos iam iamque immittere funis.  
 illam inter caedes pallentem morte futura  
 fecerat Ignipotens undis et Iapyge ferri, 710  
 contra autem magno maerentem corpore Nilum  
 pandentemque sinus et tota veste vocantem  
 caeruleum in gremium latebrosaque flumina victos.  
 at Caesar, triplici invictus Romana triumpho  
 moenia, dis Italis votum immortale sacrabat, 715  
 maxima ter centum totam delubra per urbem.  
 laetitia ludisque viae plausuque fremebant ;  
 omnibus in templis matrum chorus, omnibus aerae ;  
 ante aras terram caesi stravere iuvenci.  
 ipse, sedens niveo candentis limine Phoebi, 720  
 dona recognoscit populorum aptatque superbis  
 postibus ; incedunt victae longo ordine gentes,

<sup>698</sup> nigenumque *M<sup>1</sup>*, hence Niligenumque *Lachmann*, and amnigenumque *Hoffmann*.

<sup>701</sup> divae *M<sup>2</sup>R.*

<sup>719</sup> iuvencis *M<sup>1</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>700</sup> tenens *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>704</sup> tendebat *Pγ*.

<sup>722</sup> gentes] matres *R.*

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<sup>1</sup> The twin snakes are a symbol of death. cf. *Aen.* II. 203, VII. 450, VIII. 289.

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Neptune's fields redden with fresh slaughter. In the midst the queen calls upon her hosts with their native cymbal, nor as yet casts back a glance at the twin snakes behind.<sup>1</sup> Monstrous gods of every form and barking Anubis wield weapons against Neptune and Venus and against Minerva. In the midst of the fray storms Mavors, embossed in steel, with the fell Furies from on high; and in rent robe Discord strides exultant, while Bellona follows her with bloody scourge. Actian Apollo saw the sight, and from above was bending his bow; at that terror all Egypt and India, all Arabians, all Sabaeans, turned to flee. The queen herself was seen to woo the winds, spread sail, and now, even now, fling loose the slackened sheets. Her, amid the carnage, the Lord of Fire had fashioned pale at the coming of death, borne on by waves and the wind of Iapyx; while over against her was the mourning Nile, of mighty frame, opening wide his folds and with all his raiment welcoming the vanquished to his azure lap and sheltering streams.<sup>2</sup> But Caesar, entering the walls of Rome in triple triumph,<sup>3</sup> was dedicating to Italy's gods his immortal votive gift—three hundred mighty fanes throughout the city. The streets rang with gladness and games and shouting; in all the temples was a band of matrons, in all were altars, and before the altars slain steers strewed the ground. Himself, seated at the snowy threshold of shining Phoebus, reviews the gifts of nations and hangs them on the proud portals. The conquered peoples move in long

<sup>2</sup> The Nile-god "would be represented with a water-coloured robe, the bosom of which he would throw open" (Conington).

<sup>3</sup> In August, 29 B.C., Augustus celebrated a triple triumph for victories in Dalmatia, at Actium, and at Alexandria.

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quam variae linguis, habitu tam vestis et armis.  
hic Nomadum genus et discinctos Mulciber Afros,  
hic Lelegas Carasque sagittiferosque Gelonos 725  
finxerat; Euphrates ibat iam mollior undis,  
extremique hominum Morini, Rhenusque bicornis,  
indomitique Dahae, et pontem indignatus Araxes.

Talia per clipeum Volcani, dona parentis,  
miratur rerumque ignarus imagine gaudet, 730  
attollens umero famamque et fata nepotum.

<sup>724</sup> hinc *Pγ.*

<sup>726</sup> tinxerat *R.*

<sup>726</sup> hinc *Pγ.*

<sup>731</sup> fata] facta c, *Servius.*

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array, as diverse in fashion of dress and arms as in tongues. Here Mulciber had portrayed the Nomad race and the ungirt Africans, here the Leleges and Carians and quivered Gelonians. Euphrates moved now with humbler waves, and the Morini were there, furthest of mankind and the Rhine of double horn,<sup>1</sup> the untamed Dahae, and Araxes chafing at his bridge.

<sup>729</sup> Such sights he admires on the shield of Vulcan, his mother's gift, and, though he knows not the deeds, he rejoices in their portraiture, uplifting on his shoulder the fame and fortunes of his children's children.

<sup>1</sup> cf. 77 above, and see note 2 on *Georg.* iv. 372. Here there may be a reference to the two mouths, the Rhine and the Waal.

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ATQUE ea diversa penitus dum parte geruntur, MPR  
Irim de caelo misit Saturnia Iuno  
audacem ad Turnum. <sup>5</sup> luco tum forte parentis  
Pilumni Turnus sacrata valle sedebat.  
ad quem sic roseo Thaumantias ore locuta est :  
“ Turne, quod optanti divum promittere nemo  
auderet, volvenda dies en attulit ultro.  
Aeneas urbe et sociis et classe relicta  
sceptra Palatini sedemque petit Euandri.  
nec satis : extremas Corythi penetravit ad urbes 10  
Lydorumque manum collectos armat agrestis.  
quid dubitas? nunc tempus equos, nunc poscere currus.  
rumpe moras omnis et turbata arripe castra.”  
dixit et in caelum paribus se sustulit alis  
ingentemque fuga secuit sub nubibus arcum. 15  
adgnovit iuvenis duplicitisque ad sidera palmas  
sustulit ac tali fugientem est voce secutus :  
“ Iri, decus caeli, quis te mihi nubibus actam  
detulit in terras? unde haec tam clara repente  
tempestas? medium video discedere caelum 20  
palaantisque polo stellas. sequor omina tanta,

<sup>11</sup> manus *P*<sup>1</sup>. et collectos *γ*<sup>1</sup>.    <sup>17</sup> et *M*<sup>1</sup>.    <sup>21</sup> sequar *M*.

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<sup>1</sup> Corythus had founded Cortona, the principal Etruscan city.

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AND while in the far distance such deeds befell, Saturnian Juno sent Iris from heaven to gallant Turnus, who as it chanced was then seated within a hallowed vale, in the grove of his sire Pilumnus. To him, with roseate lips, thus spake the child of Thaumas :

<sup>6</sup> “Turnus, that which no god had dared to promise to thy prayers, lo, the circling hour has brought unasked ! Aeneas, leaving town, comrades, and fleet, seeks the Palatine realm, and Evander’s dwelling. Nor does that suffice ; he has won his way to Corythus’ utmost cities,<sup>1</sup> and is mustering in armed bands the Lydian country-folk. Why hesitate ? Now, now is the hour to call for steed and car ; break off delay, and seize the bewildered camp ! ” She spake, and on poised wings rose into the sky, cleaving in flight her mighty bow beneath the clouds.<sup>2</sup> The youth knew her, and, raising his two upturned hands to heaven, with such words pursued her flight : “Iris, glory of the sky, who has brought thee down to me, wafted upon the clouds to earth ? Whence this sudden brightness of the air ? I see the heavens part asunder, and the stars that roam in the firmament.<sup>3</sup> I follow the mighty omen, whoso thou art

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Aen.* v. 657-8.

<sup>3</sup> The mist veiling the heavens is rent asunder, revealing the stars beyond.

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quisquis in arma vocas." et sic effatus ad undam  
processit summoque hausit de gurgite lymphas,  
multa deos orans, oneravitque aethera votis.

Iamque omnis campis exercitus ibat apertis,      25  
dives equum, dives picta*ī* vestis et auri  
(*Messapus* primas acies, postrema coercent  
Tyrrhidae iuvenes, medio dux agmine *Turnus*),      28  
ceu septem surgens sedatis annibus altus      30  
per tacitum *Ganges* aut pingui flumine *Nilus*  
cum refluit campis et iam se condidit alveo.  
hic subitam nigro glomerari pulvere nubem      FMPR  
prospiciunt Teucri ac tenebras insurgere campis.  
primus ab adversa conclamat mole *Caicus* :      35  
" quis globus, o cives, caligine volvitur atra?  
ferte citi ferrum, date tela, ascendite muros,  
hostis adest, heia!" ingenti clamore per omnis  
condunt se Teucri portas et moenia complent.  
namque ita discedens praeceperat optimus armis      40  
*Aeneas*, si qua interea fortuna fuissest,  
neu struere auderent aciem neu credere campo;  
castra modo et tutos servarent aggere muros.  
ergo etsi conferre manum pudor iraque monstrat,  
obiciunt portas tamen et praecepta facessunt,      45  
armatique cavis exspectant turribus hostem.  
*Turnus*, ut ante volans tardum praecesserat agmen,  
viginti lectis equitum comitatus, et urbi  
improvisus adest: maculis quem *Thracius* albis  
portat equus cristaque tegit galea aurea rubra.      50  
" ecquis erit, mecum, iuvenes, qui primus in hostem?  
en"—ait et iaculum attorquens emittit in auras,

<sup>22</sup> et omitted *P<sup>2</sup>*.      <sup>25</sup> omnisi adeo *M<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>29</sup> vertitur arma tenens et toto vertice supra est. This  
verse, given by inferior MSS., is taken from VII. 784.

<sup>33</sup> magno *P<sup>γ</sup>1*.      <sup>37</sup> scandite *M<sup>2</sup>*: et scandite *Fl.*

<sup>42</sup> acies *R.*

<sup>44</sup> furor *Nonius*. monstrant *F.*

<sup>52</sup> intorquens *M.*

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that callest to arms!" And with these words he went onward to the river, and took up water from the brimming flood, calling oft on the gods and burdening heaven with vows.

<sup>25</sup> And now all the army was advancing on the open plain, rich in horses, rich in broidered robes and gold —Messapus marshalling the van, the sons of Tyrrheus the rear, and Turnus their captain in the centre of the line :—even as Ganges, rising high in silence with his seven peaceful streams, or Nile, when his rich flood ebbs from the fields, and at length he is sunk into his channel. Here the Teucrians descry a sudden cloud gathering in black dust, and darkness rising on the plains. First cries Caicus from the rampart's front : "What mass, my countrymen, rolls onward in murky gloom? Quick with the sword! Serve weapons, climb the walls! The enemy is upon us, ho!" With mighty clamour the Teucrians seek shelter through all the gates and man the ramparts. For so at his departure, Aeneas, bravest of warriors, had charged ; were aught to chance meanwhile, they should not dare to array their line or trust the field ; let them but guard camp and walls, secure behind their mound. Therefore, though shame and wrath prompt to conflict, yet they bar the gates and do his bidding, awaiting the foe under arms and within covert of the towers. Turnus, as he had flown forward in advance of his tardy column, with a following of twenty chosen horse comes upon the city unobserved: a Thracian steed, spotted with white, bears the prince, and a golden helm with crimson crest guards his head. "Gallants, is there one, who with me will be first against the foe to—lo!" he cries, and whirling a javelin sends it skyward—the pre-

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principium pugnae, et campo sese arduus infert.  
 clamorem excipiunt socii fremituque sequuntur  
 horrisono ; Teucrum mirantur inertia corda,      55  
 non aequo dare se campo, non obvia ferre  
 arma viros, sed castra fovere. huc turbidus atque huc  
 lustrat equo muros aditumque per avia quaerit.  
 ac veluti pleno lupus insidiatus ovili  
 cum fremit ad caulas, ventos perpessus et imbris, 60  
 nocte super media ; tuti sub matribus agni  
 balatum exercent ; ille asper et improbus ira  
 saevit in absentis ; collecta fatigat edendi  
 ex longo rabies et siccae sanguine fauces :  
 haud aliter Rutulo muros et castra tuenti      65  
 ignescunt irae, duris dolor ossibus ardet.  
 qua temptet ratione aditus, et quae via clausos  
 excutiat Teucros vallo atque effundat in aequum ?  
 classem, quae lateri castrorum adiuncta latebat, MPR  
 aggeribus saeptam circum et fluvialibus undis, 70  
 invadit sociosque incendia poscit ovantis  
 atque manum pinu flagranti fervidus implet.  
 tum vero incumbunt (urget praesentia Turni)  
 atque omnis facibus pubes accingitur atris.  
 diripuere focos ; piceum fert fumida lumen      75  
 taeda et commixtam Volcanus ad astra favillam.

Quis deus, o Musae, tam saeva incendia Teucris  
 avertit ? tantos ratibus quis depulit ignis ?  
 dicite. prisca fides facto, sed fama perennis.  
 tempore quo primum Phrygia formabat in Ida      80  
 Aeneas classem et pelagi petere alta parabat,  
 ipsa deum fertur genetrix Berecyntia magnum

<sup>53</sup> campis R.      <sup>54</sup> clamore *FRγ<sup>2</sup>*, known to *Servius*.  
<sup>66</sup> durus *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*. After ardet *Conington* and most earlier  
 editors place a comma.  
<sup>67</sup> qua via *FMP<sup>2</sup>γ*, *Servius* : quae via *P<sup>1</sup>R*, known to *Servius*.  
<sup>68</sup> aequor *P<sup>1</sup>F<sup>2</sup>*.      <sup>77</sup> qui *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*.  
<sup>79</sup> sed] sit R.      <sup>82</sup> genetrix fertur R.

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lude of battle—and advances proudly o'er the plain. His comrades take up the shout, and follow with dreadful din; they marvel at the Teucrians' craven hearts, crying: "They trust not themselves to a fair field, they face not the foe in arms, but they hug the camp." Hither and thither he rides wildly round the walls, seeking entrance where way is none. And as when a wolf, lying in wait about a crowded fold, roars beside the pens at midnight, enduring winds and rains; safe beneath their mothers the lambs keep bleating; he, fierce and reckless in his wrath, rages against the prey beyond his reach, tormented by the long-gathering fury of famine, and by his dry, bloodless jaws:—even so, as he scans wall and camp, the Rutulian's wrath is afame; resentment is hot within his iron bones. By what device shall he essay entrance? By what path hurl the prisoned Teucrians from their rampart, and pour them on the plain? Hard by the camp's side lay the fleet, fenced about with mounds and the flowing river; this he assails, calling for fire to his exulting comrades, and with hot haste fills his hand with a blazing pine. Then indeed they fall to, spurred on by Turnus' presence, and all the band armed them with murky torches. Lo! they have stripped the hearths; smoking brands fling a pitchy glare, and the Fire-god wafts to heaven the sooty cloud.

"What god, ye Muses,' turned such fierce flames from the Teucrians? Who drove away from the ships such vast fires? Tell me; faith in the tale is old, but its fame is everlasting. In the days when on Phrygian Ida, Aeneas was first fashioning his fleet and preparing to sail the deep seas, the very Mother of gods, 'tis said, the Berecyntian queen, thus spake to

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vocibus his adfata Iovem : “da, nate, petenti,  
quod tua cara parens domito te poscit Olympo.  
pinea silva mihi, multos dilecta per annos, 85  
lucus in arce fuit summa, quo sacra ferebant,  
nigranti picea trabibusque obscurus acernis :  
has ego Dardanio iuveni, cum classis egeret,  
laeta dedi ; nunc sollicitam timor anxius angit.  
solve metus atque hoc precibus sine posse parentem, 90  
ne cursu quassatae ullo neu turbine venti  
vincantur ; prosit nostris in montibus ortas.”

Filius huic contra, torquet qui sidera mundi :  
“o genetrix, quo fata vocas ? aut quid petis istis ?  
mortaline manu factae immortale carinae 95  
fas habeant ? certusque incerta pericula lustret  
Aeneas ? cui tanta deo permissa potestas ?  
immo ubi defunctae finem portusque tenebunt  
Ausonios olim, quaecumque evaserit undis  
Dardaniumque ducem Laurentia vixerit arva,  
mortalem eripiam formam magnique iubebo  
aequoris esse deas, qualis Nereia Doto 100  
et Galatea secant spumantem pectore pontum.”  
dixerat, idque ratum Stygii per flumina fratris,  
per pice torrentis atraque voragine ripas  
adnuit et totum nutu tremefecit Olympum. 105

Ergo aderat promissa dies et tempora Parcae  
debita complerant, cum Turni iniuria Matrem  
admonuit ratibus sacris depellere taedas.  
hic primum nova lux oculis offulsit et ingens 110

<sup>90</sup> parentum *M<sup>1</sup>*.      <sup>91</sup> neu *MR.*      <sup>103</sup> et] aut.

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mighty Jove : "Grant, O son, to my prayer, what thy dear mother asks of thee, now lord of Olympus.<sup>1</sup> A grove I had upon the mountain's crest, whither men brought me offerings,—a pine-forest beloved for many years, dim with dusky firs and trunks of maple. These, when he lacked a fleet, I gave gladly to the Dardan youth ; now anxious fear tortures my troubled breast. Relieve my terrors, and let a mother's prayer avail thus much, that they be overcome neither by stress of voyage nor by blast of wind. Be it a boon to them that they grew upon our hills."

<sup>93</sup> To her replied her son, who sways the starry world : "O mother, whither dost thou summon fate ? Or what seekest thou for these of thine ? Should hulls framed by mortal hand have immortal rights ? And should Aeneas in surety traverse unsure perils ? To what god is such power allowed ? Nay, when, their service done, they one day gain an Ausonian haven, from all that have escaped the waves, and borne the Dardan chief to the fields of Laurentum, will I take away their mortal shape, and bid them be goddesses of the great sea, like unto Doto, Nereus' child, and Galatea, who cleave with their breasts the foaming deep." He said ; and by the waters of his Stygian brother, by the banks that seethe with pitch in black swirling abyss, he nodded assent, and with the nod made all Olympus tremble.

<sup>107</sup> So the promised day was come, and the Destinies had fulfilled their appointed times, when Turnus' outrage warned the Mother to ward off the brands from her sacred ships. Then first there flashed upon the eyes a strange light, and from the

<sup>1</sup> He therefore has power to grant her petition. Servius says that Cybele appeals to her son's gratitude, because when Cronos wished to devour him, she had saved his life.

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visus ab Aurora caelum transcurrere nimbus  
 Idaeique chori; tum vox horrenda per auras  
 excidit et Troum Rutulorumque agmina complet:  
 "ne trepidate meas, Teucri, defendere navis,  
 neve armate manus: maria ante exurere Turno 115  
 quam sacras dabitur pinus. vos ite solutae,  
 ite deae pelagi; genetrix iubet." et sua quaeque  
 continuo puppes abrumpunt vincula ripis FMPR  
 delphinumque modo demersis aequora rostris  
 ima petunt. hinc virgineae, mirabile monstrum, 120  
 reddunt se totidem facies pontoque feruntur. 122

Obstipuere animi Rutulis, conterritus ipse  
 turbatis Messapus equis, cunctatur et amnis  
 rauca sonans revocatque pedem Tiberinus ab alto. 125  
 at non audaci Turno fiducia cessit;  
 ultro animos tollit dictis atque increpat ultro:  
 "Troianos haec monstra petunt, his Iuppiter ipse  
 auxilium solitum eripuit, non tela neque ignes  
 exspectant Rutulos. ergo maria invia Teucris 130  
 nec spes ulla fugae: rerum pars altera adempta est,  
 terra autem in nostris manibus; tot milia gentes  
 arma ferunt Italae. nil me fatalia terrent,  
 si qua Phryges prae se iactant, responsa deorum:  
 sat fatis Venerique datum est, tetigere quod arva 135  
 fertilis Ausoniae Troes. sunt et mea contra  
 fata mihi, ferro sceleratam exscindere gentem,  
 coniuge praerepta, nec solos tangit Atridas

<sup>120</sup> monstrum] dictu R.

<sup>121</sup> quot prius aeratae steterant ad litora prorae. This  
 verse, given only by inferior MSS., is taken from x. 223.

<sup>123</sup> animis Rutuli FR. <sup>124</sup> turbatus P<sup>1</sup>R.

<sup>130</sup> exspectans M<sup>1</sup>. <sup>132</sup> gentis MR.

<sup>135</sup> est omitted by M.

<sup>120</sup> By *Idaei chori* the poet means the attendants upon Cybele: cf. *Aen.* III. 111.

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Dawn a vast cloud was seen to speed athwart the sky, with Ida's choirs in its train ;<sup>1</sup> thereon through the air fell an awful voice, filling the Trojan and Rutulian ranks : "Trouble not, ye Teucrians, to defend my ships, nor take weapons into your hands. Turnus shall have leave to burn up the seas sooner than my sacred pines. Go ye free; go, goddesses of ocean; the Mother bids it." And at once each ship rends her cable from the bank, and like dolphins they dip their beaks and dive to the water's depths; then as maiden forms—O wondrous portent!—they emerge in like number and bear out to sea.

<sup>123</sup> Amazed were the hearts of the Rutulians; Messapus himself was terror-stricken, his steeds affrighted; and the hoarsely murmuring stream is stayed, as Tiberinus turns back his footsteps from the deep. But fearless Turnus lost not heart; nay, he raises their courage with his words—nay, he chides them: "'Tis the Trojans these portents assail; Jupiter himself has bereft them of their wonted succour; they await not Rutulian sword and fire.<sup>2</sup> Thus the seas are pathless for the Teucrians, and hope of flight there is none. One half the world is lost to them, but the earth is in our hands: in such thousands are the nations of Italy under arms. Naught do I dread all the fateful oracles of heaven whereof these Phrygians boast: to Fate and Venus all claims are paid, in that the Trojans have touched our rich Ausonia's fields. I too have my fate to meet theirs—to cut down with the sword a guilty race that has robbed me of my bride! Not the sons of Atreus

<sup>2</sup> Their "wonted succour" must be the means of flight. i.e. the ships, which the gods have taken away, thus fore-stalling the Rutuli, who would otherwise have destroyed them with fire and sword.

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iste dolor solisque licet capere arma Mycenis.  
 'sed periisse semel satis est' : peccare fuisset 140  
 ante satis, penitus modo non genus omne perosos  
 femineum : quibus haec medii fiducia valli  
 fossarumque morae, leti discrimina parva,  
 dant animos. at non viderunt moenia Troiae  
 Neptuni fabricata manu considere in ignis ? 145  
 sed vos, o lecti, ferro quis scindere vallum  
 apparat et mecum invadit trepidantia castra ?  
 non armis mihi Volcani, non mille carinis  
 est opus in Teucros. addant se protinus omnes  
 Etrusci socios. tenebras et inertia furta 150  
 Palladii, caesis summae custodibus arcis,  
 ne timeant, nec equi caeca condemur in alvo :  
 luce palam certum est igni circumdare muros.  
 haud sibi cum Danais rem faxo et pube Pelasga  
 esse ferant, decimum quos distulit Hector in annum.  
 nunc adeo, melior quoniam pars acta diei, 156  
 quod superest, laeti bene gestis corpora rebus  
 procura, viri, et pugnam sperate parari."

Interea vigilum excubiis obsidere portas  
 cura datur Messapo et moenia cingere flammis. 160  
 bis septem Rutuli, muros qui milite servent,  
 delecti ; ast illos centeni quemque sequuntur  
 purpurei cristis iuvenes auroque corusci.

- <sup>140</sup> sed] si γ<sup>2</sup>.  
<sup>141</sup> non modo *R* : modo nec *some old MSS. of Pierius* : modo  
 nunc *Venice edition of 1472*. perosus *F<sup>2</sup>M<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*: perosum *γ<sup>1</sup>*.  
<sup>143</sup> discriminē *F<sup>1</sup>Μγ*. parvo *F<sup>2</sup>MP<sup>2</sup>Rγ*: parvas *P<sup>1</sup>*.  
<sup>146</sup> quis] qui *MSS.*  
<sup>151</sup> *Found in all good MSS., but generally rejected.* cf. II.  
 165. summae] late *F<sup>1</sup>R*.      <sup>155</sup> ferant] putent *MR*.  
<sup>156</sup> diei est *M<sup>2</sup>R*.      <sup>160</sup> flamma *FR*.  
<sup>161</sup> Rutulo *M<sup>1</sup>*.      <sup>162</sup> secuti *R*.

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alone are touched by that pang, nor has Mycenae alone the right to take up arms. ‘But to have perished once is enough !’ Nay, to have sinned once had been enough, so that henceforth they should loathe utterly well-nigh all womankind—these men to whom this trust in a sundering rampart, these delaying dykes—slight barriers against death—afford courage !<sup>1</sup> Yet have they not seen Troy’s battlements, the work of Neptune’s hand, sink in flames ? But ye, my chosen, who of you makes ready, at the sword’s point, to hew down the rampart and rush with me on their bewildered camp ? I need not the arms of Vulcan nor a thousand ships, to meet the Trojans. Let all Etruria join them forthwith in alliance. Darkness and cowardly theft of their Palladium,<sup>2</sup> with slaughter of guards on the citadel-height, let them not fear ; nor shall we lurk in a horse’s dusky womb ! In broad day, in the sight of all, I mean to gird their walls with fire. I will make them nowise think they have to do with Danaans and Pelasgic chivalry, whom Hector kept at bay till the tenth year. Now, since the fairer part of the day is spent, for what remains, gallants, joyfully refresh yourselves after your good service, and be assured that we are preparing for the fray.”

<sup>159</sup> Meanwhile charge is given to Messapus to blockade the gates with posted sentries, and to encircle the battlements with fires. Twice seven Rutulians are chosen to guard the walls with soldiers, but on each attend an hundred men, purple-plumed

<sup>1</sup> The argument is this : one would have expected them to be haters of women, rather than commit a second offence like that of abducting Helen, especially as they are cowards who refuse to face a fight.

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Aen.* II 165.

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discurrunt variantque vices fusique per herbam  
 indulgent vino et vertunt crateras aēnos. MPR  
 conlucent ignes, noctem custodia ducit 166  
 insomnem ludo.

Haec super e vallo prospectant Troes et armis  
 alta tenent, nec non trepidi formidine portas  
 explorant pontisque et propugnacula iungunt, 170  
 tela gerunt. instat Mnestheus acerque Serestus,  
 quos pater Aeneas, si quando adversa vocarent,  
 rectores iuvenum et rerum dedit esse magistros.  
 omnis per muros legio, sortita periculum,  
 excubat exercetque vices, quod cuique tuendum est.

Nisus erat portae custos, acerrimus armis, 176  
 Hyrtacides, comitemi Aeneae quem miserāt Ida  
 venatrix, iaculo celerem levibusque sagittis,  
 et iuxta comes Euryalus, quo pulchrior alter  
 non fuit Aeneadum Troiana neque induit arma, 180  
 ora puer prima signans intonsa iuventa.  
 his amor unus erat pariterque in bella ruebant ;  
 tum quoque communi portam statione tenebant.  
 Nisus ait : “dine hunc ardorem mentibus addunt,  
 Euryale, an sua cuique deus fit dira cupido ? 185  
 aut pugnam aut aliquid iamdudum invadere magnum  
 mens agitat mihi, nec placida contenta quiete est.  
 cernis, quae Rutulos habeat fiducia rerum.  
 lumina rara micant, somno vinoque soluti  
 procubuere, silent late loca. percipe porro, 190  
 quid dubitem et quae nunc animo sententia surgat.  
 Aeneas acciri omnes, populusque patresque,

<sup>171</sup> instant *MR.*      <sup>173</sup> iuveni known to *Servius.*  
<sup>189</sup> sepulti *Servius.*

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and sparkling with gold. To and fro they rush, and take their turns, or stretched along the grass, drink their fill of wine and upturn bowls of bronze. The fires burn bright, and the warders spend the sleepless night in games.

<sup>168</sup> On this scene the Trojans look forth from the rampart above, as in arms they hold the summit; in trembling haste they test the gates and link bridges<sup>1</sup> and battlements, sword in hand. Mnestheus and valiant Serestus urge on the work, whom father Aeneas, should misfortune ever call, left as leaders of the warriors and rulers of the state. Along the walls the whole host, dividing the peril, keeps watch, and serves in turns, where each should mount guard.

<sup>176</sup> Nisus was guardian of the gate, most valiant of warriors, son of Hyrtacus, whom Ida the huntress had sent in Aeneas' train with fleet javelin and light arrows. At his side was Euryalus—none fairer among the Aeneadae, or of all who donned the Trojan arms—a boy who showed on his unshaven cheek the first bloom of youth. A common love was theirs; side by side they would charge in the fray; now too they together were mounting sentry at the gate. Nisus cries: “Do the gods, Euryalus, put this fire in our hearts, or does his own wild longing become to each man a god? Long has my heart been astir to dare battle or some great deed, and peaceful quiet contents it not. Thou seest what faith in their fortunes possesses the Rutulians. Few are their gleaming lights; relaxed with wine and slumber, they lie prone; far and wide reigns silence. Learn then what I ponder, and what purpose now rises in my mind. People and senate—all cry that Aeneas

<sup>1</sup> The bridges or gangways connect towers standing outside the walls with the battlements.

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exposcunt mittique viros, qui certa reportent.  
 si tibi quae posco promittunt (nam mihi facti  
 fama sat est), tumulo videor reperire sub illo  
 posse viam ad muros et moenia Pallantea." 195  
 obstipuit magno laudum percussus amore  
 Euryalus ; simul his ardentem adfatur amicum :  
 "mene igitur socium summis adiungere rebus,  
 Nise, fugis ? solum te in tanta pericula mittam ? 200  
 non ita me genitor, bellis adsuetus Opheltes,  
 Argolicum terrorem inter Troiaeque labores  
 sublatum erudiit, nec tecum talia gessi,  
 magnanimum Aenean et fata extrema secutus :  
 est hic, est animus lucis contemptor et istum 205  
 qui vita bene credat emi, quo tendis, honorem."

Nisus ad haec : "equidem de te nil tale  
 verebar, FMPR  
 nec fas, non : ita me referat tibi magnus ovantem  
 Iuppiter aut quicumque oculis haec aspicit aequis.  
 sed si quis, quae multa vides discrimine tali, 210  
 si quis in adversum rapiat casusve deusve,  
 te superesse velim ; tua vita dignior aetas.  
 sit qui me raptum pugna pretiove redemptum  
 mandet humo, solita aut si qua id Fortuna vetabit,  
 absenti ferat inferias decoretque sepulchro. 215  
 neu matri miserae tanti sim causa doloris,  
 quae te sola, puer, multis e matribus ausa  
 persequitur, magni nec moenia curat Acestae."  
 ille autem, "causas neququam nectis inanis,  
 nec mea iam mutata loco sententia cedit. 220  
 acceleremus," ait. vigiles simul excitat : illi  
 succedunt servantque vices ; statione relicta  
 ipse comes Niso graditur regemque requirunt.

<sup>207</sup> ad haec] ait *P*.      <sup>209</sup> aspicis *P*.

<sup>214</sup> humo : *FM* punctuate after humo, *P* and *Priscian* after  
 solita ; *Servius* knows both readings.

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should be summoned, and men be sent to take him sure tidings. If they promise the boon I ask for thee —for to me the glory of the deed is enough—methinks beneath yonder mound I may find a path to the walls and fortress of Pallanteum.” Dazed was Euryalus, smitten with mighty love of praise, and thus at once speaks to his fiery friend : “Dost thou shrink then, Nisus, from linking me with thee in this high emprise? Shall I send thee alone into such great perils? Not thus did my sire, the old warrior Opheltes, train me as his child amid Argive terrors and the travails of Troy, nor thus at thy side have I played my part, following high-souled Aeneas and his utmost fate. Here, here is a soul that scorns the light, and counts that fame, whereto thou strivest, cheaply bought with life.”

<sup>207</sup> To this Nisus : “Of thee, surely, I had no such fear, nay, nay, 'twere a sin—so may great Jupiter, or whoso looks on this deed with favouring eyes, bring me back to thee in triumph! But if—as oft thou seest in like hazards—if some god or chance sweep me to disaster, I would that thou survive ; thy youth is worthier of life. Let there be one to commit me to earth, rescued from battle or ransomed at a price ; or if, as oft befalls, some chance deny this, to render rites to the absent and the honour of a tomb.<sup>1</sup> Nor let me, my child, be the cause of such grief to thy poor mother, who, alone of many mothers, has dared to follow thee to the end, nor heeds great Accestes' city.”<sup>2</sup> But he : “Vainly dost thou weave idle pleas, nor does my purpose now change or give way. Hasten we!” he said, and therewith rouses the guards. They come up, and take their turn ; he, quitting his post, walks by Nisus' side as they seek the prince.

<sup>1</sup> i.e. a cenotaph.

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Aen.* v. 715 and 750.

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“quae vobis, quae digna, viri, pro laudibus istis  
 praemia posse rear solvi? pulcherrima primum  
 di moresque dabunt vestri; tum cetera reddet  
 actutum pius Aeneas atque integer aevi      255  
 Ascanius, meriti tanti non immemor umquam.”  
 “immo ego vos, cui sola salus genitore reducto,”  
 excipit Ascanius, “per magnos, Nise, Penatis  
 Assaracique Larem et canae penetralia Vestae  
 obtestor: quaecumque mihi fortuna fidesque est,      260  
 in vestris pono gremiis: revocate parentem,  
 reddite conspectum; nihil illo triste recepto.  
 bina dabo argento perfecta atque aspera signis  
 pocula, devicta genitor quae cepit Arisba,  
 et tripodas geminos, auri duo magna talenta,      265  
 cratera antiquum, quem dat Sidonia Dido.  
 si vero capere Italiam sceptrisque potiri  
 contigerit victori et praedae dicere sortem,  
 vidisti quo Turnus equo, quibus ibat in armis  
 aureus; ipsum illum, clipeum cristasque rubentis      270  
 excipiam sorti, iam nunc tua praemia, Nise.  
 praeterea bis sex genitor lectissima matrum  
 corpora captivosque dabit suaque omnibus arma,  
 insuper his campi quod rex habet ipse Latinus.  
 te vero, mea quem spatiis propioribus aetas      275  
 insequitur, venerande puer, iam pectore toto  
 accipio et comitem casus complector in onnis.  
 nulla meis sine te quaeretur gloria rebus;  
 seu pacem seu bella gerain, tibi maxima rerum  
 verborumque fides.” contra quem talia fatur      280  
 Euryalus: “me nulla dies tam fortibus ausis  
 dissimilem arguerit: tantum fortuna secunda

<sup>268</sup> ducere *R<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>274</sup> campus *R.* quos *M<sup>1</sup>P<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>282</sup> *Servius punctuated after tantum. So Ribbeck.*

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cheeks and face. "What, sirs, what guerdon shall I deem worthy to be paid you for deeds so glorious? The first and fairest heaven and your own hearts shall give; then the rest shall the good Aeneas straightway repay, and the youthful Ascanius, forgetful never of service so noble." "Nay," breaks in Ascanius, "I, whose sole safety lies in my sire's return, I adjure you both, O Nisus, by the great gods of the house, by the Lar of Assaracus, and by hoary Vesta's shrine—all my fortune, all my trust, I lay upon your knees; recall my father, give him back to sight; with him recovered all grief vanishes. A pair of goblets will I give, wrought in silver and rough with chasing, that he took when Arisba was vanquished; and two tripods, two great talents of gold, and an ancient bowl that Dido of Sidon gave. But if it be our lot to take Italy, to wield a victor's sceptre and to assign the spoil, thou hast seen the horse and the armour wherewith Turnus rode, all in gold—that same horse, the shield and the crimson plumes will I set apart from the lot, thy reward, O Nisus, even now. Moreover my father will give twice six matrons of choicest beauty, and men captives, each with his armour, and, therewith too, whate'er domain King Latinus himself holds.<sup>1</sup> But thee, oh youth revered, whom my age follows at nearer distance, at once I take all to my heart, and embrace as my comrade in every chance. No glory shall be sought for my own lot without thee; be peace or be war on hand, in thee shall be my chiefest trust in deed and in word."

<sup>280</sup> To him thus spoke Euryalus in reply: "Never shall time prove me unmeet for such bold enterprise, so but Fortune prove kind, not cruel. But

<sup>1</sup> i.e. the land now held by the king, the royal domain, is to go to Nisus.

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haud adversa cadat. sed te super omnia dona  
 unum oro: genetrix Priami de gente vetusta  
 est mihi, quam miseram tenuit non Ilia tellus 285  
 mecum excedentem, non moenia regis Acestae.  
 hanc ego nunc ignaram huius quodcumque pericli est  
 inque salutatam linquo; nox et tua testis  
 dextera, quod nequeam lacrimas perferre parentis.  
 at tu, oro, solare inopem et succurre relictae. 290  
 hanc sine me spem ferre tui: audentior ibo  
 in casus omnis." percussa mente dedere  
 Dardanidae lacrimas, ante omnis pulcher Iulus,  
 atque animum patriae strinxit pietatis imago.  
 tum sic effatur: 295  
 "sponde digna tuis ingentibus omnia coeptis.  
 namque erit ista mihi genetrix nomenque Creusae  
 solum defuerit, nec partum gratia talem  
 parva manet. casus factum quicumque sequentur,  
 per caput hoc iuro, per quod pater ante solebat: 300  
 quae tibi polliceor reduci rebusque secundis,  
 haec eadem matrique tuae generique manebunt."  
 sic ait inlacrimans; umero simul exuitensem  
 auratum, mira quem fecerat arte Lycaon  
 Gnosius atque habilem vagina aptarat eburna. 305  
 dat Niso Mnestheus pellem horrentisque leonis  
 exuvias, galeam fidus permuat Aletes.  
 protinus armati incedunt; quos omnis euntis  
 primorum manus ad portas, iuvenumque senumque,  
 prosequitur votis. nec non et pulcher Iulus, 310  
 ante annos animumque gerens curamque virilem,  
 multa patri mandata dabat portanda: sed aurae  
 omnia discerpunt et nubibus inrita donant.

Egressi superant fossas noctisque per umbram  
 castra inimica petunt, multis tamen ante futuri 315

<sup>283</sup> haud] aut γ<sup>2</sup>bc, *Servius.*      <sup>287</sup> est omitted by *M<sup>1</sup>PR.*  
<sup>292</sup> dederunt *PRγ.*      <sup>296</sup> spondeo *a<sup>1</sup>c.*      <sup>299</sup> sequetur *P.*

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from thee, above all thy gifts, this one thing I ask. A mother I have, of Priam's ancient line, whom neither the Ilian land nor King Acestes' city could keep, poor soul, from faring forth with me. Her now I leave without knowledge of this peril, be it what it may, and without word of farewell, because —night and thy right hand be witness—I could not bear a mother's tears. But do thou, I pray, comfort the helpless, and relieve the desolate. Let me take with me this hope in thee ; more boldly shall I meet all hazards."

<sup>292</sup> Touched to the heart, the Dardanians shed tears —fair Iulus before them all, and the picture of filial love touched his soul. Then thus he spoke : " Be sure that all shall be worthy of thy mighty enterprise ; for she shall be a mother to me, lacking but the name Creüsa ; nor does slight honour await her who bore such a son. Whatever chance attend thy deed, I swear by this head whereby my father was wont to swear, what I promise to thee on thy prosperous return shall abide the same for thy mother and thy house." So he speaks weeping ; and therewithal strips from his shoulder the gilded sword, fashioned with wondrous art by Lycaon of Gnosus and fitted for use with ivory sheath. To Nisus Mnestheus gives a skin, spoil of a shaggy lion : faithful Aletes exchanges his helmet. At once they advance in arms and as they go all the company of princes, young and old, escort them to the gate with vows. Likewise fair Iulus, with a man's mind and a spirit beyond his years gave many a charge to carry to his father. But the breezes scatter all and give them fruitless to the clouds !

<sup>314</sup> Issuing, they cross the trenches, and through the shadow of night seek that fatal camp—yet des-

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exitio. passim somno vinoque per herbam  
corpora fusa vident, arrectos litore currus,  
inter lora rotasque viros, simul arma iacere,  
vina simul. prior Hyrtacides sic ore locutus :  
“ Euryale, audendum dextra; nunc ipsa vocat res. 320  
hac iter est. tu, ne qua manus se attollere nobis  
a tergo possit, custodi et consule longe ;  
haec ego vasta dabo et lato te limite ducam.”  
sic memorat vocemque premit; simul ense superbum  
Rhamnetem adgreditur, qui forte tapetibus altis 325  
exstructus toto proflabat pectore somnum,  
rex idem et regi Turno gratissimus augur ;  
sed non augurio potuit depellere pestem.  
tris iuxta famulos temere inter tela iacentis  
armigerumque Remi premit aurigamque sub ipsis 330  
nactus equis ferroque secat pendentia colla ;  
tum caput ipsi aufert domino truncumque relinquit  
sanguine singultantem ; atro tepefacta cruento  
terra torique madent. nec non Lamyrumque  
Lamumque  
et iuvenem Serratum, illa qui plurima nocte 335  
luserat, insignis facie, multoque iacebat  
membra deo victus ; felix, si protinus illum  
aequasset nocti ludum in lucemque tulisset.  
impastus ceu plena leo per ovilia turbans  
(suadet enim vesana fames) manditque trahitque 340  
molle pecus mutumque metu, fremit ore cruento.  
nec minor Euryali caedes ; incensus et ipse  
perfurit ac multam in medio sine nomine plebem,

<sup>316</sup> umbram R.      <sup>329</sup> tela] lora R.  
<sup>341</sup> multumque *M<sup>1</sup>P<sup>1</sup>R.*

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tined first to be the doom of many. Everywhere they see bodies stretched along the grass in drunken sleep, chariots atilt on the shore, men lying amid wheels and harness, their arms and flagons all about. First the son of Hyrtacus thus began : " Euryalus, the hand must dare ; now the occasion itself invites ; here lies our way. Watch thou, that no arm be raised against us from behind, and keep wide outlook. Here will I deal destruction, and by a broad path show thee the way." So speaks he, then checks his voice, and at once drives his sword at haughty Rhamnes, who, haply pillowed on high coverlets, was drawing from all his breast the breath of sleep—a king himself, and King Turnus' best-beloved augur ; but not by augury could he avert his doom. Three attendants he slew at his side, as they lay carelessly amid their arms, and Remus' armour-bearer, and the charioteer, catching him at the horses' feet. Their drooping necks he severs with the sword ; then lops off the head of their lord himself, and leaves the trunk spurting blood ; ground and couch reek with the warm black gore. Lamyrus, too, he slays, and Lamus, and youthful Serranus, of wondrous beauty, who had played long that night, and lay with limbs vanquished by the god's abundance ;<sup>1</sup> happy he, had he played on, making that game one with the night, and pursuing it to the dawn ! Even so, an unfed lion, rioting through full sheepfolds, for the madness of hunger constrains him, mangles and rends the feeble flock that are dumb with fear, and growls with blood-stained mouth. Nor less is the slaughter of Euryalus ; he too, all aflame, storms madly, and falls on the vast and unnamed multitude before him,

<sup>1</sup> The god is Sleep ; less probably, Bacchus. For the playing, cf. l. 167 above.

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Fadumque Herbesumque subit Rhoetumque  
Abarimque,

ignaros; Rhoetum vigilantem et cuncta videntem; 345  
sed magnum metuens se post cratera tegebat:  
pectore in adverso totum cui comminus ensem  
condidit adsurgentem et multa morte recepit.

purpuream vomit ille animam et cum sanguine mixta  
vina refert moriens; hic furto fervidus instat. 350  
iamque ad Messapi socios tendebat; ibi ignem  
deficere extremum et religatos rite videbat  
carpere gramen equos: breviter cum talia Nisus  
(sensit enim nimia caede atque cupidine ferri) MPRV  
“absistamus,” ait; “nam lux inimica propinquat. 355  
poenarum exhaustum satis est, via facta per hostis.”  
multa virum solido argento perfecta relinquunt  
armaque craterasque simul pulchrosque tapetas.  
Euryalus phaleras Rhamnetis et aurea bullis  
cingula, Tiburti Remulo ditissimus olim 360  
quae mittit dona, hospitio cum iungeret absens,  
Caedicus; ille suo moriens dat habere nepoti;  
post mortem bello Rutuli pugnaque potiti:  
haec rapit atque umeris nequ quam fortibus aptat.  
tum galeam Messapi habilem cristisque decoram 365  
induit. excedunt castris et tuta capessunt.

✓ Interea praemissi equites ex urbe Latina,  
cetera dum legio campis instructa moratur,  
ibant et Turno regi responsa ferebant,  
tercentum, scutati omnes, Volcente magistro. 370  
iamque propinquabant castris muroque subibant,

<sup>349</sup> purpureum known to Servius, and to be construed with  
ensem.

<sup>364</sup> aptant V.      <sup>369</sup> regis Servius.      <sup>371</sup> muros Py.

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Fadus and Herbesus, Rhoetus and Abaris—unconscious these ; but Rhoetus was awake and saw it all, yet in his fear crouched behind a mighty bowl. Right in his breast, as he rose close by, the foe plunged his sword its full length, and drew it back steeped in death.<sup>1</sup> Rhoetus belches forth his red life, and dying casts up wine mixed with blood ; the other hotly pursues his stealthy work. And now he drew near Messapus' followers. There he saw the last fires flickering, and horses, duly tethered, cropping the grass ; when Nisus briefly speaks thus—for he saw his comrade swept away by reckless lust of carnage : “ Let us away ; for the unfriendly dawn is nigh. Vengeance is sated to the full ; a path is cut through the foe.” Many a soldier's arms, wrought in solid silver, they leave behind—and bowls therewith, and beautiful carpets. Euryalus takes the trappings of Rhamnes and his gold-studded sword-belt, gifts that of old wealthy Caedicus sent to Remulus of Tibur, when plighting friendship far away ; he when dying gave them to his grandson for his own ; after his death the Rutulians captured them in war and battle. These he tears away, and fits upon his valiant breast—all in vain. Then he dons Messapus' shapely helm, with its graceful plumes. They issue forth from the camp and make for safety.

<sup>367</sup> Meanwhile horsemen, sent forward from the Latin city, while the rest of the force halts arrayed upon the plains, came bearing a reply to King Turnus—three hundred, all under shield, with Volcens as leader. And now they were nearing the camp and coming under the wall, when at a distance they

<sup>1</sup> Rendered by some “ welcomed him with abundant death.”

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cum procul hos laevo flectentis limite cernunt  
et galea Euryalum sublustri noctis in umbra  
prodidit immemorem radiisque adversa refulsit.  
haud temere est visum : conclamat ab agmine

Volcens.

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“state, viri. quae causa viae ? quive estis in armis?  
quove tenetis iter ?” nihil illi tendere contra,  
sed celerare fugam in silvas et fidere nocti.  
obiciunt equites sese ad divortia nota  
hinc atque hinc omnemque abitum custode coronant.  
silva fuit late dumis atque ilice nigra 381  
horrida, quam densi complebant undique sentes;  
rara per occultos lucebat semita calles.

Euryalum tenebrae ramorum onerosaque praeda  
impediunt fallitque timor regione viarum. 385

Nisus abit. iamque imprudens evaserat hostis  
atque locos, qui post Albae de nomine dicti  
Albani (tum rex stabula alta Latinus habebat),  
ut stetit et frustra absentem respexit amicum :

“Euryale infelix, qua te regione reliqui ? 390  
quave sequar, rursus perplexum iter omne revolvens  
fallacis silvae ?” simul et vestigia retro  
observata legit dumisque silentibus errat.

audit equos, audit strepitus et signa sequentum.  
nec longum in medio tempus, cum clamor ad auris 395  
pervenit ac videt Euryalum, quem iam manus omnis  
fraude loci et noctis, subito turbante tumultu,  
oppressum rapit et conantem plurima frustra.  
quid faciat ? qua vi iuvenem, quibus audeat armis  
eripere ? an sese medios moriturus in hostis 400  
inferat et pulchram properet per volnera mortem ?

<sup>375</sup> aggere *P*γ<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>378</sup> silvis *P*γ.

<sup>380</sup> aditum *RV*γ<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>382</sup> complerant *PRV*.

<sup>383</sup> ducebat *P*<sup>a</sup>, known to *Servius*.

<sup>387</sup> lucos *a<sup>2</sup>c*.

<sup>391</sup> resolves *M*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>400</sup> hostis] ensis *P*, known to *Servius*.

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see the two turning away by a pathway to the left ; and in the glimmering shadows of night his helm betrayed the thoughtless Euryalus, as it flashed back the light. Not unheeded was the sight. From his column shouts Volcens : “ Halt, sirs ! Wherefore on a journey ? Who are ye in arms ? Or whither are ye going ? ” They essay no response, but speed their flight to the wood and trust to night. On this side and that the horsemen bar the well-known crossways, and with sentinels girdle every outlet. The forest spread wide with shaggy thickets and dark ilex ; dense briars filled it on every side ; here and there glimmered the path through the hidden glades. Euryalus is hampered by the shadowy branches and the burden of his spoil, and fear misleads him in the line of his path. Nisus gets clear ; and now, in heedless course, he had escaped the foe to the place afterward styled Alban from Alba’s name—at that time King Latinus had there his stately stalls—when he halted and looked back in vain for his lost friend. “ Unhappy Euryalus, where have I left thee ? Or where shall I follow, again unthreading all the tangled path of the treacherous wood ? ” Therewith he scans and retraces his footsteps, and wanders in the silent thickets. He hears the horses, hears the shouts and signals of pursuit. Nor was the interval long, when a cry reached his ears, and he sees Euryalus, whom, now betrayed by the ground and night and bewildered by the sudden turmoil, the whole band is dragging away overpowered and struggling violently in vain. What can he do ? With what force, what arms dare he rescue the youth ? Or shall he cast himself on his doom amid the foe, and win mid wounds a swift and glorious death ?

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ocius adducto torquens hostile lacerto,  
 suspiciens altam Lunam sic voce precatur :  
 “ tu, dea, tu praesens nostro succurre labori,  
 astrorum decus et nemorum Latonia custos. 405  
 si qua tuis umquam pro me pater Hyrtacus aris MPR  
 dona tulit, si qua ipse meis venatibus auxi  
 suspendive tholo aut sacra ad fastigia fixi,  
 hunc sine me turbare globum et rege tela per auras.”  
 dixerat et toto conixus corpore ferrum 410  
 conicit. hasta volans noctis diverberat umbras  
 et venit aversi in tergum Sulmonis ibique  
 frangitur, ac fisco transit praecordia ligno.  
 volvitur ille vomens calidum de pectore flumen  
 frigidus et longis singultibus ilia pulsat. 415  
 diversi circumspiciunt. hoc acrior idem  
 ecce aliud summa telum librabat ab aure.  
 dum trepidant, it hasta Tago per tempus utrumque,  
 stridens, traectoque haesit tepefacta cerebro.  
 saevit atrox Volcens nec teli conspicit usquam 420  
 auctorem nec quo se ardens immittere possit.  
 “ tu tamen interea calido mihi sanguine poenas  
 persolves amborum” inquit; simul ense recluso  
 ibat in Eryalum. tum vero exterritus, amens,  
 conclamat Nisus, nec se celare tenebris 425  
 amplius aut tantum potuit perferre dolorem :  
 “ me, me, adsum, qui feci, in me convertite ferrum,  
 o Rutuli! mea fraus omnis ; nihil iste nec ausus  
 nec potuit ; caelum hoc et conscientia sidera testor ;

<sup>403</sup> altam lunam et MP $\gamma$ : altam ad lunam et RV: altam lunam (*without et*) *early editors.* <sup>412</sup> adversi MPR $\gamma$ .

<sup>416</sup> acrius M<sup>2</sup>P<sup>2</sup> $\gamma$ <sup>1</sup>. <sup>417</sup> telum summa P $\gamma$ .

<sup>418</sup> iit P $\gamma$ . <sup>420</sup> umquam M<sup>1</sup>.

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Quickly he draws back his arm with poised spear,  
and looking up to the moon on high, thus prays :  
“Thou goddess, be thou present and aid our endeavour,  
O Latona’s daughter, glory of the stars and guardian of the groves ; if ever my father Hyrtacus brought any gifts for me to thy altars, if ever I have honoured<sup>1</sup> thee with any from my own hunting, have hung offerings in thy dome, or fastened them on thy holy roof,<sup>2</sup> grant me to confound yon troop, and guide my weapons through the air.” He ended, and with all his straining body flung the steel. The flying spear whistles through the shadows of night, strikes the turned back of Sulmo, then snaps, and with the broken wood pierces the midriff. Spouting a warm torrent from his breast he rolls over chill in death, and long gasps heave his sides. This way and that they gaze round. All the fiercer, lo ! he is poisoning another weapon from the ear-tip. While they hesitate, the spear goes whizzing through Tagus’ either temple, and lodged warm in the cloven brain. Volcens storms with rage, yet nowhere espies the sender of the dart, nor where to vent his rage. “ Yet thou, meanwhile, with thy hot blood, shalt pay me vengeance for both,” he cried, and as he spake, rushed with drawn sword on Euryalus. Then indeed, frantic with terror, Nisus shrieks aloud ; no longer could he hide himself in darkness or endure such agony : “ On me—on me—here am I who did the deed—on me turn your steel, O Rutulians ! Mine is all the guilt ; he neither dared nor could have done aught ; this heaven be witness and the all-seeing

<sup>1</sup> The word *auxi* has a special religious sense here, like *mactare*.

<sup>2</sup> By *fastigia* is meant the gable-roof of the exterior, over the entrance ; the *tholus* is the domed interior.

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tantum infelicem nimium dilexit amicum." 430  
 talia dicta dabat, sed viribus ensis adactus  
 transabiit costas et candida pectora rumpit.  
 volvitur Euryalus leto, pulchrosque per artus  
 it crux inque umeros cervix conlapsa recumbit:  
 purpureus veluti cum flos succisus aratro 435  
 languescit moriens, lassove papavera collo  
 demisere caput, pluvia cum forte gravantur.  
 at Nisus ruit in medios, solumque per omnis  
 Volcentem petit, in solo Volcente moratur.  
 quem circum glomerati hostes hinc comminus atque  
     hinc 440  
 proturbant. instat non setius ac rotat ensem  
 fulmineum, donec Rutuli clamantis in ore  
 condidit adverso et moriens animam abstulit hosti.  
 tum super exanimum sese proiecit amicum  
 confossum placidaque ibi demum morte quievit. 445  
 Fortunati ambo! si quid mea carmina possunt,  
 nulla dies umquam memori vos eximet aevo,  
 dum domus Aeneae Capitoli immobile saxum  
 acculet imperiumque pater Romanus habebit.  
 Victores praeda Rutuli spoliisque potiti 450  
 Volcentem exanimum flentes in castra ferebant.  
 nec minor in castris luctus Rhamnete reperto  
 exsangui et primis una tot caede peremptis,  
 Serranoque Numaque. ingens concursus ad ipsa  
 corpora seminecisque viros tepidaque recentem 455  
 caede locum et plenos spumanti sanguine rivos.

<sup>432</sup> transadibit  $M^1$ : transadigit  $M^2 P\gamma$ . rupit  $R$ .

<sup>443</sup> hostis  $P^1$ .

<sup>455</sup> tepidam  $M^1$ : tepidum  $M^2 PR\gamma^1$ , known to Servius: tepida  $\gamma^2 bc$ , Servius. recenti  $P\gamma^1$ , known to Servius.

<sup>456</sup> pleno  $MP^2$ . spumantis  $MPR$ , Servius.

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stars ! He but loved his hapless friend too well." Thus was he pleading ; but the sword, driven with force, has passed through the ribs and rends the snowy breast. Euryalus rolls over in death ; athwart his lovely limbs runs the blood, and his drooping neck sinks on his shoulder : as when a purple flower, severed by the plough, droops in death ; or as poppies, with weary neck, bow the head, when weighted by some chance shower. But Nisus rushes amidst them, and sole among all seeks Volcens, to Volcens alone gives heed. Round him the foe cluster, and on every side seek to hurl him back. Onward none the less he presses, whirling his lightning blade, till he plunged it full in the face of the shrieking Rutulian, and, dying, bereft his foe of life. Then, pierced through and through, he flung himself above his lifeless friend, and there at length, in the peace of death, found rest.

446 Happy pair ! If aught my verse avail, no day shall ever blot you from the memory of time, so long as the house of Aeneas shall dwell on the Capitol's unshaken rock, and the Father of Rome hold sovereign sway !

450 The victorious Rutulians, masters of plunder and spoils, with tears bore lifeless Volcens to the camp. Nor in that camp was the wailing less, when Rhamnes was found drained of life, and so many chieftains slain in a single carnage, here Serranus, and here Numa. A mighty throng rushes to the dead and dying men, to the ground fresh with warm slaughter and the full streams of foaming blood. In

<sup>1</sup> By the *domus Aeneae* is meant not merely the Julian house, but the Roman people. The *pater Romanus* refers to the imperial line.

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adgnoscunt spolia inter se galeamque nitentem  
Messapi et multo phaleras sudore receptas.

Et iam prima novo spargebat lumine terras  
Tithoni croceum linquens Aurora cubile ;                          460  
iam sole infuso, iam rebus luce reiectis,  
Turnus in arma viros, armis circumdatus ipse,  
suscitat, aeratasque acies in proelia cogit  
quisque suas variisque account rumoribus iras.  
quin ipsa arrectis (visu miserabile) in hastis                          465  
praefigunt capita et multo clamore sequuntur  
Euryali et Nisi.

Aeneadae duri murorum in parte sinistra  
opposuere aciem (nam dextera cingitur amni)  
ingentisque tenent fossas et turribus altis                          470  
stant maesti ; simul ora virum praefixa movebant,  
nota nimis miseris atroque fluentia tabo.

Interea pavidam volitans pinnata per urbem  
nuntia Fama ruit matrisque adlabitur auris  
Euryali. at subitus miserae calor ossa reliquit ;                  475  
excussi manibus radii revolutaque pensa.  
evolat infelix et femineo ululatu,  
scissa comam, muros amens atque agmina cursu  
prima petit, non illa virum, non illa pericli  
telorumque memor; caelum dehinc questibus implet:  
“hunc ego te, Euryale, aspicio? tune ille senectae                  481  
sera meae requies, potuisti linquere solam,  
cru delis? nec te sub tanta pericula missum  
adfari extremum miserae data copia matri?  
heu! terra ignota canibus date praeda Latinis                  485

<sup>464</sup> suos MSS. (except M) and Servius.

<sup>465</sup> omitted in P. mirabile M<sup>1</sup>, Servius (on II. 558).

<sup>469</sup> dextra M<sup>1</sup>R<sup>1</sup>.                  <sup>471</sup> videbant P<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>481</sup> illa R.                  <sup>484</sup> extremis MP<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>485</sup> data most MSS.: 'date late MSS., read by Bentley and many editors.'

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mutual converse they note the spoils, Messapus' shining helmet, and the trappings won back with much sweat.

<sup>459</sup> And now early Dawn, leaving the saffron bed of Tithonus, was sprinkling her fresh rays upon the earth;<sup>1</sup> now the sun streamed in, now day unveiled the world. Turnus, himself in armour clad, summons his men to arms, and each leader marshals to battle his mailed lines, and whets their anger with divers tales. Nay, on uplifted spears, O piteous sight! they affix and follow with loud clamour the heads, the very heads, of Euryalus and of Nisus. On the rampart's left side—for the right is girded by the river—the hardy sons of Aeneas have set their opposing line, hold the broad trenches, and on the high towers stand sorrowing, moved withal by those uplifted heads, that, alas! they know too well, now dripping with dark gore.

<sup>473</sup> Meanwhile, winged Fame, flitting through the trembling town, speeds with the news and steals to the ears of Euryalus' mother. Then at once warmth left her hapless frame: the shuttle is dashed from her hands, and the thread unwound. Forth flies the unhappy dame, and with a woman's shrieks and torn tresses, makes madly for the walls and the foremost ranks—heedless she of men, heedless of peril and of darts; then fills the sky with her plaints: “Is it thus, Euryalus, that I see thee? Thou that wert the late solace of my age, couldst thou leave me alone, cruel one? Nor, when sent on such perilous errand, might thy poor mother bid thee a last farewell? Alas! Thou liest in a strange land, given as prey to the dogs and fowls of Latium! Nor have I, thy

<sup>1</sup> Repeated from *Aen.* iv. 584–5.

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alibusque iaces ! nec te, tua funera, mater  
produxi pressive oculos aut volnera lavi,  
veste tegens, tibi quam noctes festina diesque  
urgebam, et tela curas solabar anilis.  
quo sequare? aut quae nunc artus avolsaque membra  
et funus lacerum tellus habet? hoc mihi de te, 491  
nate, refers? hoc sum terraque marique secuta?  
figite me, si qua est pietas, in me omnia tela  
conicite, o Rutuli, me primam absumite ferro;  
aut tu, magne pater divum, miserere, tuoque 495  
invisum hoc detrude caput sub Tartara telo,  
quando aliter nequeo crudelem abrumpere vitam."  
hoc fletu concussi animi, maestusque per omnis  
it gemitus, torpent infractae ad proelia vires.  
illam incendentem luctus Idaeus et Actor 500  
Ilionei monitu et multum lacrimantis Iuli  
corripiunt interque manus sub tecta reponunt.

At tuba terribilem sonitum procul aere canoro  
increpuit; sequitur clamor caelumque remugit.  
accelerant acta pariter testudine Volsci 505  
et fossas implere parant ac vellere vallum.  
quaerunt pars aditum et scalis ascendere muros,  
qua rara est acies interlucetque corona  
non tam spissa viris. telorum effundere contra FMPR  
omne genus Teucri ac duris detrudere contis, 510  
adsueti longo muros defendere bello.  
saxa quoque infesto volvebant pondere, si qua  
possent tectam aciem perrumpere, cum tamen omnis  
ferre iuvat subter densa testudine casus.

<sup>486</sup> funera MSS., Servius, Nonius, Donatus, Macrobius:  
funere conjectured by Bembo.

<sup>494</sup> primum P<sup>1</sup>. <sup>506</sup> pellere M<sup>2</sup>R. vallo M<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>514</sup> iuvat F (in an erasure): iubat P<sup>2</sup>γ: iubet P<sup>1</sup>: lubat M<sup>1</sup>:  
libet M<sup>2</sup>R.

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mother, led thee—thy corpse<sup>1</sup>—forth to burial, or closed thine eyes, or bathed thy wounds, shrouding thee with the robe which, in haste, night and day, I toiled at for thy sake, beguiling with the loom the sorrows of age.<sup>2</sup> Whither shall I follow? or what land now holds thy mangled limbs and dismembered body? Is this all, my son, thou bringest back to me of thyself? Is it this I have followed by land and sea? Pierce me if ye have aught of feeling, on me hurl all your weapons, O Rutulians; destroy me first with your steel; or do thou, great Father of the gods, be pitiful, and with thy bolt hurl down to hell this hateful life, since in no wise else can I break life's cruel bonds!" At that wailing their spirits were shaken, and a groan of sorrow passed through all; their strength is numbed and crushed for battle; and as thus she kindles grief, Idaeus and Hector, bidden by Ilioneus and the weeping Iulus, catch her up and bear her in their arms within.

<sup>503</sup> But the trumpet with brazen song rang out afar its fearful call; a shout follows and the sky re-echoes. Forth the Volscians speed in even line, driving on their tortoise-shield, and intent to fill the moat and pluck down the palisade. Some seek entrance, and essay to scale the walls with ladders, where the line is thin, and light gleams through the less dense ring of men. In return, the Teucrians shower missiles of every sort, and thrust the foe down with strong poles, trained by long warfare to defend their walls. Stones too they rolled of deadly weight, if haply they might break through the sheltered ranks; but these, beneath their compact shield,

<sup>1</sup> In *tua funera* there is a pathetic correction of *te*.

<sup>2</sup> She had been making a rich robe as a gift for her son, but it could not even adorn his corpse.

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- nec iam sufficiunt. nam qua globus imminet ingens,  
 immanem Teucri molem volvuntque ruuntque, 516  
 quae stravit Rutulos late armorumque resolvit  
 tegmina. nec curant caeco contendere Marte  
 amplius audaces Rutuli, sed pellere vallo  
 missilibus certant. 520
- parte alia horrendus visu quassabat Etruscum  
 pinum et fumiferos infert Mezentius ignis;  
 at Messapus equum domitor, Neptunia proles,  
 rescindit vallum et scalas in moenia poscit.
- Vos, o Calliope, precor, adspirate canenti, 525  
 quas ibi tum ferro strages, quae funera Turnus  
 ediderit, quem quisque virum demiserit Orco,  
 et mecum ingentis oras evolvite belli.
- Turris erat vasto suspectu et pontibus altis,  
 opportuna loco, summis quam viribus omnes  
 expugnare Itali summaque evertere opum vi  
 certabant, Troes contra defendere saxis  
 perque cavas densi tela intorquere fenestras.  
 princeps ardentem coniecit lampada Turnus 535  
 et flammarum adfixit lateri, quae plurima vento  
 corripuit tabulas et postibus haesit adesis.  
 turbati trepidare intus frustraque malorum  
 velle fugam. dum se glomerant retroque residunt  
 in partem, quae peste caret, tum pondere turris 540  
 procubuit subito et caelum tonat omne fragore.  
 semineces ad terram, immani mole secuta,  
 confixique suis telis et pectora duro  
 transfossi ligno veniunt. vix unus Helenor  
 et Lycus elapsi: quorum primaevus Helenor, 545

<sup>524</sup> in] ad *P<sup>g</sup>*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>529</sup> et meministis enim, divae, et memorare potestis (= VII.  
 645) given by *R*, but omitted by most MSS.

<sup>637</sup> adesis *M<sup>1</sup>P<sup>g</sup>*: adhaesis *M<sup>2</sup>*: adhessis *R*.

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delight to brave all chances. Yet now they fail ; for where a massed throng threatens, the Teucrians roll up and hurl down a mighty mass, that laid low the Rutulians far and wide and broke their coverlet of armour. Nor do the bold Rutulians care longer to contend in blind warfare, but strive with darts to clear the ramparts. Elsewhere, grim to behold, Mezentius was brandishing his Etruscan pine and hurls smoking brands ; while Messapus, the seed of Neptune, tamer of horses, tears down the rampart and calls for ladders to mount the battlements.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>525</sup> Do thou, O Calliope, thou and thy sisters, I pray, inspire me while I sing, what slaughter, what deaths, Turnus dealt on that day, and whom each warrior sent down to doom ; and unroll with me the mighty scroll of war.

<sup>530</sup> A tower loomed high above, with lofty gangways,<sup>2</sup> posted on vantage-ground, which all the Italians strove with utmost strength to storm, and with utmost force of skill to overthrow : the Trojans in turn made defence with stones, and hurled showers of darts through the open loopholes. First Turnus flung a blazing torch and made fast its fire in the side ; this, fanned by the wind, seized the planks and lodged in the gateways it consumed. Within, troubled and terrified, men vainly seek escape from disaster. While they huddle close and fall back to the side free from ruin, lo ! under the sudden weight the tower fell, and all the sky thunders with the crash. Half dead they come to the ground, the monstrous mass behind them, pierced by their own shafts, and their breasts impaled by the cruel splinters. Scarcely do Helenor and Lycus alone escape—Helenor in prime of youth, whom a Lycymnian slave

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Aen.* vii. 691.

<sup>2</sup> See note on 170 above.

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Maeonio regi quem serva Licymnia furtim  
sustulerat vetitisque ad Troiam miserat armis,  
ense levis nudo parmaque inglorius alba.  
isque ubi se Turni media inter milia vidit,  
hinc acies atque hinc acies adstare Latinas,      550  
ut fera, quae densa venantum saepta corona  
contra tela furit seseque haud nescia morti  
inicit et saltu supra venabula fertur,  
haud aliter iuvenis medios moriturus in hostis  
inruit et qua tela videt densissima tendit.      555  
at pedibus longe melior Lycus inter et hostis  
inter et arma fuga muros tenet altaque certat  
prendere tecta manu sociumque attingere dextras.  
quem Turnus pariter cursu teloque secutus  
increpat his victor : "nostrasne evadere, demens,      560  
sperasti te posse manus ?" simul arripit ipsum  
pendentem et magna muri cum parte revellit ;  
qualis ubi aut leporem aut candenti corpore cynum  
sustulit alta petens pedibus Iovis armiger uncis,  
quaesitum aut matri multis balatibus agnum      565  
Martius a stabulis rapuit lupus. undique clamor  
tollitur : invadunt et fossas aggere complent ;  
ardentis taedas alii ad fastigia iactant.  
Ilioneus saxo atque ingenti fragmine montis  
Lucetium portae subeuntem ignisque ferentem,      570  
Emathiona Liger, Corynaeum sternit Asilas,  
hic iaculo bonus, hic longe fallente sagitta,  
Ortygium Caeneus, victorem Caenea Turnus,  
Turnus Ityn Cloniumque, Dioxippum Promolumque  
et Sagarim et summis stantem pro turribus Idan,      575

<sup>552</sup> ruit *P<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>.*

<sup>558</sup> dextra *R.*

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<sup>1</sup> He was too young to win distinction, and therefore had no device on his shield.

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had borne secretly to the Maeonian king, and had sent to Troy in forbidden arms, lightly accoutréed with naked sword and white shield, as yet unfamed.<sup>1</sup> Soon as he saw himself in the midst of Turnus' thousands, the Latin lines standing on this side, and standing on that, like a wild beast that, hedged about by the hunters' serried ring, rages against their shafts, flings itself on the death foreseen, and with a bound springs upon the spears—even so the youth rushes to death amidst the foe, and where he sees the weapons thickest, makes his way. But Lycus, far swifter of foot, amid foes, amid arms, gains the walls and strives to clutch the coping, and reach the hands of his comrades. Him Turnus following alike with foot and spear, taunts thus in triumph: “Fool, didst thou hope to escape our hands?” Therewith he seizes him as he hangs, and tears him down with a mighty mass of wall: even as when the bearer of Jove's bolt, as he soars aloft, has swept away in his crooked talons some hare or snowy-bodied swan; or as when the wolf of Mars<sup>2</sup> has snatched from the fold a lamb that its mother seeks with much bleating. On all sides a shout goes up; on they press, and with heaps of earth fill up the trenches; some toss blazing brands on to the roofs. Ilioneus lays Lucetius low with a rock, huge fragment of a mountain, as, carrying fire, he nears the gate. Liger slays Emathion, Asilas Corynaeus; the one skilled with the javelin, the other with the arrow stealing from afar. Caeneus fells Ortygius; Turnus victorious Caeneus; Turnus Itys and Clonius, Dioxippus and Promolus, and Sagaris, and Idas, as he stood on the topmost towers; Capys slays Privernus.

<sup>1</sup> Because Romulus and Remus, the offspring of Mars, were suckled by a she-wolf.

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Privernum Capys. hunc primo levis hasta Themillae  
 strinxerat : ille manum projecto tegmine demens  
 ad volnus tulit ; ergo alis adlapsa sagitta  
 et laevo infixa est lateri manus abditaque intus  
 spiramenta animae letali volnere rupit. 580  
 stabat in egregiis Arcensis filius armis,  
 pictus acu chlamydem et ferrugine clarus Hibera,  
 insignis facie, genitor quem miserat Arcens,  
 eductum matris luco Symaethia circum  
 flumina, pinguis ubi et placabilis ara Palici : 585  
 stridentem fundam positis Mezentius hastis  
 ipse ter adducta circum caput egit habena  
 et media adversi liquefacto tempora plumbo  
 diffidit ac multa porrectum extendit harena.  
 Tum primum bello celerem intendisse sagittam 590  
 dicitur, ante feras solitus terrere fugacis,  
 Ascanius, fortemque manu fudisse Numanum,  
 cui Remulo cognomen erat, Turnique minorem  
 germanam nuper thalamo sociatus habebat.  
 is primam ante aciem digna atque indigna relatu 595  
 vociferans tumidusque novo praecordia regno  
 ibat et ingentem sese clamore ferebat :  
 “ non pudet obsidione iterum valloque teneri,  
 bis capti Phryges, et morti praetendere muros ?  
 en qui nostra sibi bello conubia poscunt ! 600  
 quis deus Italiam, quae vos dementia adegit ?  
 non hic Atridae nec fandi fector Ulixes :  
 durum a stirpe genus natos ad flumina primum  
 deferimus saevoque gelu duramus et undis ;  
 venatu invigilant pueri silvasque fatigant, 605  
 flectere ludus equos et spicula tendere cornu ;

<sup>579</sup> adfixa *Py*, *Servius*.

<sup>584</sup> matris *y*, *Macrobius* : Martis *MPRh* : matis c.

<sup>586</sup> hastis] armis *Ry<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>599</sup> morte *M<sup>1</sup>* : Marti *some inferior MSS.*, accepted by Henry.  
 protendere *M<sup>1</sup>*. <sup>604</sup> saevo] duro *Py*.

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Him Themillas' spear had first grazed lightly; he, madly casting down his shield, carried his hand to the wound. So the arrow winged its way, and pinning the hand to his left side, buried itself deep within, and tore with fatal wound the breathing-ways of life. The son of Arces stood in glorious arms, his scarf embroidered with needlework, and bright with Iberian blue—of noble form, whom his father Arces had sent, a youth reared in his mother's grove about the streams of Symaethus, where stands Palicus' altar, gift-laden and gracious. But, dropping his spears, Mezentius with tight-drawn thong thrice whirled about his head the whizzing sling, with molten bullet cleft in twain the temples of his opposing foe, and stretched him at full length in the deep sand.

<sup>590</sup> Then first, 'tis said, Ascanius aimed his swift shaft in war, till now wont to affright the fleeing quarry, and with his hand laid low brave Numanus, Remulus by surname, who but lately had won as bride Turnus' younger sister. He stalked before the foremost line, shouting words meet and unmeet to utter, his heart puffed up with new-won royalty, and strode forward in huge bulk, crying :

<sup>598</sup> "Are ye not shamed, twice captured Phrygians, again to be cooped within beleaguered ramparts, and with walls to ward off death? Lo! these are they who by the sword claim our brides for theirs! What god, what madness, has driven you to Italy? Here are no sons of Atreus, no fable-forging Ulysses! A race of hardy stock, we first bring our new-born sons to the river, and harden them with the water's cruel cold; as boys they keep <sup>the</sup> vigil for the chase, and tire the forests; their sport is to rein the steed and level <sup>sheen</sup>

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at patiens operum parvoque adsueta iuventus  
 aut rastris terram domat aut quatit oppida bello ;  
 omne aevum ferro teritur versaque iuvencum  
 terga fatigamus hasta, nec tarda senectus      610  
 debilitat viris animi mutatque vigorem :  
 canitiem galea preminus, semperque recentis  
 comportare iuvat praedas et vivere rapto.  
 vobis pieta croco et fulgenti murice vestis,  
 desidia cordi, iuvat indulgere choreis,      615  
 et tunicae manicas et habent redimicula mitrae.  
 o vere Phrygiae, neque enim Phryges, ite per alta  
 Dindyma, ubi adsuetis biforem dat tibia cantum ;  
 tympana vos buxusque vocat Berecyntia matris  
 Idaeae : sinite arma viris et cedite ferro.”      620

Talia iactantem dictis ac dira canentem  
 non tulit Ascanius, nervoque obversus equino  
 contendit telum diversaque bracchia ducens  
 constitit, ante Iovem supplex per vota precatus :  
 “ Iuppiter omnipotens, audacibus adnue coeptis. 625  
 ipse tibi ad tua templa feram sollemnia dona  
 et statuam ante aras aurata fronte iuvencum,  
 candentem pariterque caput cum matre ferentem,  
 iam cornu petat et pedibus qui spargat harenam.”  
 audiit et caeli genitor de parte serena      630  
 intonuit laevum, sonat una fatifer arcus.  
 effugit horrendum stridens adducta sagitta  
 perque caput Remuli venit et cava tempora ferro  
 traicit. “ i, verbis virtutem inlude superbis !

<sup>610</sup> tarda] sera *Servius.*    <sup>623</sup> intendit *Pγ.*    <sup>631</sup> letifer *Pγ.*  
<sup>632</sup> et fugit *PR,* *Servius.*    adducta] adlapsa *Pγ.*  
<sup>634</sup> transigit *P<sup>1</sup>:* transadgit *R:* transiit *P<sup>2</sup>.* i omitted *M<sup>1</sup>R.*

<sup>1</sup> The Oriental *mitra* was like a bonnet, fastened with ribbons. The ordinary tunic had no sleeves. cf. *Aen.* iv. 216.

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shafts from the bow ; but, patient of toil, and injured to want, our youth tames earth with the hoe or shakes cities in battle. All our life is worn with iron's use ; with spear reversed we goad our bullocks' flanks, and sluggish age weakens not our hearts' strength nor changes our vigour. On white hairs we press the helm : and we ever delight to drive in fresh booty and live on plunder. But ye are clothed in embroidered saffron and gleaming purple ; sloth is your joy, your delight is to indulge the dance ; your tunics have sleeves and your turbans ribbons.<sup>1</sup> O ye Phrygian women, indeed !—for Phrygian men are ye not—go ye over the heights of Dindymus, where to accustomed ears the pipe utters music from double mouths ! The timbrels call you, and the Berecynthian boxwood of the mother of Ida :<sup>2</sup> leave arms to men, and quit the sword."

<sup>621</sup> As thus he vaunts with words of ominous strain, Ascanius brooked it not, but facing him, levelled his shaft from the horse-hair string, and drawing his arms wide apart paused, first invoking Jove thus with suppliant vows : "Jupiter almighty, give assent to my bold emprise ! My own hand shall bring thee yearly gifts in thy temple, and set before thine altar a bullock with gilded brow, snowy white, carrying his head high as his mother, that already can butt with horn and can spurn with hoof the sand." The Father heard, and from a clear space of sky thundered on the left ; that instant rang the fatal bow. With awful whirr speeds forth the tight-drawn shaft, passes through the head of Remulus, and cleaves with its steel the hollow temples. "Go, mock valour with

<sup>2</sup> The pipe, timbrels, and boxwood flute were characteristics of the worship of Cybele, which came from Phrygia. cf. *Aen.* III. 111.

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bis capti Phryges haec Rutulis responsa remittunt.”  
hoc tantum Ascanius: Teucri clamore sequuntur 636  
laetitiae fremunt animosque ad sidera tollunt.

Aetheria tum forte plaga crinitus Apollo  
desuper Ausonias acies urbemque videbat,  
nube sedens, atque his victorem adfatur Iulum : 640  
“macte nova virtute, puer: sic itur ad astra,  
dis genite et geniture deos. iure omnia bella  
gente sub Assaraci fato ventura resident;  
nec te Troia capit.” simul haec effatus ab alto  
aethere se mittit, spirantis dimovet auras 645  
Ascaniumque petit. formam tum vertitur oris  
antiquum in Buten. hic Dardanio Anchisae  
armiger ante fuit fidusque ad limina custos;  
tum comitem Ascanio pater addidit. ibat Apollo  
omnia longaevo similis, vocemque coloremque 650  
et crinis albos et saeva sonoribus arma,  
atque his ardentem dictis adfatur Iulum:  
“ sit satis, Aenide, telis impune Numanum  
oppetiisse tuis: primam hanc tibi magnus Apollo  
concedit laudem et paribus non invidet armis: 655  
cetera parce, puer, bello.” sic orsus Apollo  
mortalis medio aspectus sermone reliquit  
et procul in tenuem ex oculis evanuit auram.  
adgnovere deum proceres divinaque tela  
Dardanidae pharetramque fuga sensere sonantem. 660  
ergo avidum pugnae dictis et numine Phoebi  
Ascanium prohibent, ipsi in certamina rursus

<sup>645</sup> misit *P*γ<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>646</sup> forma *PR*.

<sup>651</sup> albos] flavos *R*.

<sup>657</sup> aspectu *MPR*.

<sup>661</sup> et] ac *PR*.

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haughty words ! This answer the twice captured Phrygians send back to the Rutulians." Thus only spoke Ascanius. The Teucrians second him with cheers, shout for joy, and lift their hearts to heaven.

<sup>638</sup> Then it chanced that in the realm of sky long-haired Apollo, ~~cloud-enthroned~~, was looking down on the Ausonian lines and town, and thus he addresses triumphant Iulus : "A blessing, child, on thy young valour ! So man scales the stars, O son of gods and sire of gods to be !<sup>1</sup> Rightly shall all wars, that fate may bring, sink beneath the house of Assaracus to rest ; nor can Troy contain thee." So saying, he darts from high heaven, parts the breathing gales, and seeks Ascanius. Then he changes the fashion of his features to those of aged Butes, who aforetime was armour-bearer to Dardan Anchises, and trusty watcher at his gate ; thereafter the child's father made him henchman to Ascanius. On strode Apollo, in every wise like the old man, in voice and hue, in white locks and savage-sounding arms, and speaks these words to fiery Iulus : "Be it enough, son of Aeneas, that beneath thy shafts Numanus has fallen unavenged ; this maiden glory great Apollo vouchsafes thee, nor grudges the weapons that match his own ; for the rest, my child, refrain from war." Thus Apollo began, but while yet speaking, left the sight of men and far away from their eyes vanished into thin air. The Dardan princes knew the god, and his heavenly arms, and heard his quiver rattle as he flew. Therefore, at the behest and will of Phoebus, they check Ascanius, eager though he was for the

<sup>1</sup> The "gods to be" are the future Caesars, descended from Aeneas and Ascanius, who are of "the house of Assaracus." There is a reference in 642f. to the closing of the temple of Janus by Augustus in 29 B.C.

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succedunt animasque in aperta pericula mittunt.  
 it clamor totis per propugnacula muris,  
 intendunt acris arcus ammentaque torquent. 665  
 sternitur omne solum telis, tum scuta cavaeque  
 dant sonitum fletu galeae, pugna aspera surgit:  
 quantus ab occasu veniens pluvialibus Haedis  
 verberat imber humum, quam multa grandine nimbi  
 in vada praecipitant, cum Iuppiter horridus Austris 670  
 torquet aquosam hiemem et caelo cava nubila rumpit.

Pandarus et Bitias, Idaeo Alcanore creti,  
 quos Iovis eduxit luco silvestris Iaera,  
 abietibus iuvenes patriis et montibus aequos,  
 portam, quae ducis imperio commissa, recludent, 675  
 freti armis, ultiroque invitant moenibus hostem.  
 ipsi intus dextra ac laeva pro turribus adstant,  
 armati ferro et cristis capita alta coruscet:  
 quales aëriae liquentia flumina circum,  
 sive Padi ripis, Athesim seu propter amoenum, 680  
 consurgunt geminae quercus intonsaque caelo  
 attollunt capita et sublimi vertice nutant.  
 inrumpunt aditus Rutuli ut videre patentis.  
 continuo Quercens et pulcher Aquiculus armis  
 et praeceps animi Tmarus èt Mavortius Haemon 685  
 agminibus totis aut versi terga dedere  
 aut ipso portae posuere in limine vitam.  
 tum magis increscunt animis discordibus irae  
 et iam collecti Troes glomerantur eodem  
 et conferre manum et procurrere longius audent. 690  
 Ductori Turno, diversa in parte furenti

<sup>667</sup> atfletu *M*: adfletu *R*: fluctu  $\gamma^1$ : fletu *P Servius*.

<sup>674</sup> patriis iuvenes *P $\gamma$* . <sup>676</sup> armis] animis *Bentley*.

<sup>678</sup> coruscant *M*. <sup>679</sup> Liquetia  $\gamma^2 b^2 c$ , *Servius*.

<sup>685</sup> Marus *M*. <sup>686</sup> aut versi] aversi *P $\gamma$* .

<sup>689</sup> eodem] in unum *R*.

<sup>690</sup> manum] gradum *Nonius*. procedere *Nonius*.

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fray, themselves fare to the fight again, and fling their lives into gaping perils. The shout runs from tower to tower, all along the walls; they bend their eager bows and whirl their thongs.<sup>1</sup> All the ground is strewn with spears; shields and hollow helms ring as they clash; the fight swells fierce; mighty as the storm that, coming from the west, beneath the rainy Kid-stars lashes the ground; thick as the hail that storm-clouds shower on the deep, when Jupiter, grim with southern gales, whirls the watery tempest, and bursts the hollow clouds in heaven.

<sup>672</sup> Pandarus and Bitias, sprung from Alcanor of Ida, whom the wood-nymph Iaera bore in the grove of Jupiter—youths tall as their native pines and hills—fling open the gate entrusted to them by their captain's charge, and relying on their arms, freely invite the foe to enter the walls. Themselves within, to right and left, stand before the towers, sheathed in iron, with waving plumes upon their lofty heads: even as high in air beside the flowing streams, whether on Padus' banks or by pleasant Athesis, twin oaks soar aloft, raising to heaven their unshorn heads and nodding their lofty crowns. In rush the Rutulians when they see the entrance clear. Straightway Quercens and Aquiculus, beautiful in arms, and Tmarus, reckless at heart, and Haemon, seed of Mars, with all their columns are routed and turn to flight, or in the very gateway lay down their life. At this, wrath waxes fiercer in their battling souls, and now the Trojans rally and swarm to the spot, and venture to close hand to hand and make longer sallies.

<sup>681</sup> To Turnus the chief, as far away he storms and

<sup>1</sup> The thong, fastened to the middle of the shaft, gave impetus to the throw.

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turbantique viros, perfertur nuntius, hostem  
fervore caede nova et portas praebere patentis.  
deserit inceptum atque immani concitus ira  
Dardaniam ruit ad portam fratresque superbos. 695  
et primum Antiphaten (is enim se primus agebat),  
Thebana de matre nothum Sarpedonis alti,  
coniecto sternit iaculo; volat Itala cornus  
aëra per tenerum stomachoque infixa sub altum  
pectus abit, reddit specus atri volneris undam 700  
spumantem et fixo ferrum in pulmone tepescit.  
tum Meropem atque Erymanta manu, tum ster-  
nit Aphidnum;  
tum Bitian ardenter oculis animisque frementem,  
non iaculo, neque enim iaculo vitam ille dedisset,  
sed magnum stridens contorta phalarica venit, 705  
fulminis acta modo, quam nec duō taurea terga  
nec dupli squama lorica fidelis et auro  
sustinuit: conlapsa ruunt immania membra,  
dat tellus gemitum et clipeum super intonat ingens.  
tal is in Euboico Baiarum litore quondam 710  
saxe a pila cadit, magnis quam molibus ante  
constructam ponto iaciunt, sic illa ruinam  
prona trahit penitusque vadis inlisa recumbit;  
miscent se maria et nigrae attolluntur harénae;  
tum sonitu Prochyta alta tremit durumque cubile 715  
Inarime Iovis imperiis imposta Typhoeo.  
Hic Mars armipotens animum virisque Latinis  
addidit et stimulus acris sub pectore vertit  
immissaque Fugam Teucris atrumque Timorem.  
undique convenient, quoniam data copia pugnae, 720

<sup>710</sup> qualis *Pγ.*

<sup>719</sup> Furorem *P<sup>1</sup>.*

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confounds his foe, comes news that the enemy, flushed with fresh slaughter, flings wide his gates. He quits the work in hand, and stirred with giant fury, rushes to the Dardan gate and the haughty brethren. And first Antiphates, for first came he, the bastard son of tall Sarpedon by a Theban mother, he slays with cast of javelin. Through the yielding air flies the Italian cornel-shaft, and lodging in the gullet, runs deep into the breast ; the wound's dark chasm gives back a foaming tide, and the steel grows warm in the pierced lung. Then Meropes and Erymas, then Aphidnus his hand lays low ; then Bitias falls, fire in his eyes and rage in his heart, yet not under a javelin—for not to a javelin had he given his life—but with a mighty hiss a whirled pike sped, driven like a thunderbolt. This not two bulls' hides nor the trusty corslet with double scales of gold could withstand. The giant limbs totter and fall ; earth groans, and the huge shield thunders over him. So on the Europic shore of Baiae falls at times a rocky mass, which, builded first of mighty blocks, men cast into the sea :<sup>1</sup> so as it falls, it trails havoc, and crashing into the waters finds rest in the depths ; the seas are in turmoil and the black sands mount upward ; then at the sound lofty Prochyta trembles, and Inarime's rugged bed, laid by Jove's command above Typhoeus.

<sup>717</sup> Hereupon Mars, the mighty in war, lent fresh strength and valour to the Latins, and in their hearts plied his eager goads, and let slip Flight and dark Terror among the Teucrians. From all sides gather the Latins, since scope for fight is given, and the god

<sup>1</sup> A reference to the building of massive piers running out into the sea, whether as a breakwater or as the foundation of a projecting villa.

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bellatorque animo deus incidit.  
 Pandarus, ut fuso germanum corpore cernit,  
 et quo sit fortuna loco, qui casus agat res,  
 portam vi magna converso cardine torquet,  
 obnixus latis umeris, multosque suorum 725  
 moenibus exclusos duro in certamine linquit ;  
 ast alios secum includit recipique ruentis,  
 demens, qui Rutulum in medio non agmine regem  
 viderit inrumpentem ultroque incluserit urbi,  
 immanem veluti pecora inter inertia tigrim. 730  
 continuo nova lux oculis effulsit et arma  
 horrendum sonuere ; tremunt in vertice cristae  
 sanguineae clipeoque micantia fulmina mittit.  
 adgnoscunt faciem invisam atque immania membra  
 turbati subito Aeneadae. tum Pandarus ingens 735  
 emicat et mortis fraternae fervidus ira  
 effatur : "non haec dotalis regia Amatae,  
 nec muris cohibet patriis media Ardea Turnum :  
 castra inimica vides ; nulla hinc exire potestas."  
 olli subridens sedato pectore Turnus : 740  
 "incipe, si qua animo virtus, et consere dextram :  
 hic etiam inventum Priamo narrabis Achillem."  
 dixerat. ille rudem nodis et cortice crudo  
 intorquet summis adnixus viribus hastam :  
 excepere aurae ; volnus Saturnia Iuno 745  
 detorsit veniens portaeque infigitur hasta.  
 "at non hoc telum, mea quod vi dextera versat,  
 effugies ; neque enim is teli nec volneris auctor."  
 sic ait et sublatum alte consurgit in ensem  
 et medium ferro gemina inter tempora frontem 750  
 dividit impubesque immani volnere malas.

<sup>721</sup> animos *M*<sup>1</sup>.      <sup>722</sup> cernit] vidit *Pγ*.

<sup>723</sup> quis *PRγ*<sup>1</sup>.      <sup>724</sup> magna *M*.      <sup>731</sup> offulsit *R*.

<sup>733</sup> clipei *Pγ*<sup>1</sup>. mittunt *PRγ*<sup>1</sup>.      <sup>741</sup> animi *R*.

<sup>747</sup> versat] librat *Pγ*.      <sup>748</sup> is] es *Pγ*.

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of battle seizes on their souls. Pandarus, when he sees his brother's fallen form, sees how fortune stands, and what chance sways the day, with mighty effort pushes with his broad shoulders and swings the gate round on its hinge, leaving many a comrade shut outside the walls in the cruel fray; but others he encloses with himself, welcoming them as on they rush. Madman! not to have seen the Rutulian prince bursting in amid the throng, and wantonly to have shut him within the town, like a monstrous tiger among the helpless herds. Straightway a new light flashed from Turnus' eyes and his armour rang terribly; the blood-red plumes quiver on his crest, and lightnings shoot gleaming from his shield. In sudden dismay the sons of Aeneas recognize that hateful form and those giant limbs. Then huge Pandarus springs forward, and, blazing with wrath for his brother's death, cries: "This is not Amata's bridal palace, nor is it midmost Ardea, holding Turnus within his native walls. A foeman's camp thou seest; no chance is there to escape hence." To him Turnus, smiling with untroubled mood: "Begin, if thy heart has aught of courage, and close with me: that here too an Achilles has been found shalt thou bear word to Priam." He ended; the other, striving with all his might, hurls his spear, rough with knots and unpeeled bark. The winds received it; Saturnian Juno turned aside the coming blow, and the spear lodges in the gate. "But not from this weapon, that my right arm wields a main, shalt thou escape; for not such is he who brings weapon and wound." So saying, he rises high upon his uplifted sword; the steel cleaves the brow in twain full between the temples, and with ghastly wound severs the beardless cheeks.

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fit sonus, ingenti concussa est pondere tellus ;  
conlapsos artus atque arma cruenta cerebro  
sternit humi moriens atque illi partibus aequis  
huc caput atque illuc umero ex utroque pependit. 755

Diffugiunt versi trepida formidine Troes,  
et si continuo victorem ea cura subisset,  
rumpere claustra manu sociosque immittere portis,  
ultimus ille dies bello gentique fuisse.  
sed furor ardenter caedisque insana cupidio 760  
egit in adversos.

principio Phalerim et succiso poplite Gygen  
excipit : hinc raptas fugientibus ingerit hastas  
in tergum ; Iuno viris animumque ministrat.  
addit Halym comitem et confixa Phegea parma, 765  
ignaros deinde in muris Martemque cientis  
Aleandrumque Haliumque Noëmonaque Pryta-  
nimque.

Lyncea tendentem contra sociosque vocantem  
vibranti gladio conixus ab aggere dexter  
occupat, huic uno deiectum comminus ictu 770  
cum galea longe iacuit caput, inde ferarum  
vastatorem Amycum, quo non felicior alter  
ungere tela manu ferrumque armare veneno,  
et Clytium Aeoliden et amicum Crethea Musis,  
Crethea Musarum comitem, cui carmina semper 775  
et citharae cordi numerosque intendere nervis ;  
semper equos atque arma virum pugnasque canebat.

Tandem ductores audita caede suorum  
conveniunt Teucri, Mnestheus acerque Serestus,  
palantisque vident socios hostemque receptum. 780  
et Mnestheus : “ quo deinde fugam, quo ten-  
ditis ? ” inquit.

<sup>764</sup> tergum *Mγ*: tergus *P<sup>1</sup>R*.

<sup>765</sup> confixum *M<sup>2</sup>P<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*. <sup>769</sup> dextra *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>770</sup> desectum *γ<sup>1</sup>*. <sup>781</sup> fuga *P<sup>1</sup>*.

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There is a crash ; earth is shaken by the vast weight ; dying, he stretches on the ground his fainting limbs and brain-bespattered armour, while, lo ! in equal halves his head dangles this way and that from either shoulder.

<sup>756</sup> The Trojans turn and scatter in hasty terror ; and, if forthwith the victor had taken thought to burst the bars perforce and let in his comrades at the gates, that day had been the last for the war and the nation. But rage and the mad lust of slaughter drove him in fury on the foe in front. First he catches Phaleris, and Gyges, whom he hamstrings ; then, seizing their spears, he hurls them on the backs of the flying crowd ; Juno lends strength and courage. Halys he sends to join them and Phegeus, his shield transfixed ; then, as, all unwitting, on the walls they rouse the fray, Alcander and Halius, Noemon and Prytanis. As Lynceus moves to meet him and calls on his comrades he, from the rampart on the right, with sweep of flashing sword, smites him ; severed by a single close-dealt blow, his head with helmet capped lay far away. Next fell Amycus, scourge of beasts, whom none excelled in skill of hand to anoint the dart and arm the steel with venom ; and Clytius, son of Aeolus, and Cretheus, delight of the Muses—Cretheus, the Muses' comrade, whose joy was ever in song and lyre and in stringing of notes upon the chords ; ever he sang of steeds and weapons, of men and battles.

<sup>778</sup> At last, hearing of the slaughter of their men, the Teucrian captains, Mnestheus and gallant Serestus, come up, and see their comrades scattered and the foe within the gates. And Mnestheus : “ Whither then, whither, do ye bend your flight ? What other

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“ quos alios muros, quae iam ultra moenia habetis ?  
unus homo et vestris, o cives, undique saeptus  
aggeribus tantas strages impune per urbem  
ediderit ? iuvenum primos tot miserit Orco ?      785  
non infelicitis patriae veterumque deorum  
et magni Aeneae, segnes, miseretque pudetque ? ”

Talibus accensi firmantur et agmine denso  
consistunt. Turnus paulatim excedere pugna  
et fluvium petere ac partem, quae cingitur unda. 790  
acrius hoc Teucri clamore incumbere magno  
et glomerare manum, ceu saevum turba leonem  
cum telis premit infensis : at territus ille,  
asper, acerba tuens, retro redit et neque terga  
ira dare aut virtus patitur, nec tendere contra      795  
ille quidem hoc cupiens potis est per tela virosque.  
haud aliter retro dubius vestigia Turnus  
improperata refert et mens exaestuat ira.  
quin etiam bis tum medios invaserat hostis,  
bis confusa fuga per muros agmina vertit :      800  
sed manus e castris propere coit omnis in unum,  
nec contra viris audet Saturnia Iuno  
sufficere : aëriam caelo nam Iuppiter Irim  
demisit, germanae haud mollia iussa ferentem,  
ni Turnus cedat Teucrorum moenibus altis.      805  
ergo nec clipeo iuvenis subsistere tantum  
nec dextra valet : iniectis sic undique telis  
obruitur. strepit adsiduo cava tempora circum  
tinnitu galea et saxis solida aera fatiscunt,  
discussaque iubae capiti, nec sufficit umbo      810

<sup>782</sup> quaeve ultra *Pγ*<sup>1</sup>.  
<sup>789</sup> pugnac *PR.*

<sup>786</sup> nonne *M<sup>2</sup>.*  
<sup>793</sup> at] ac *MR.*

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walls, what other battlements have ye now beyond ? Shall one man, my countrymen, and he compassed on every side by your ramparts, unscathed deal such carnage throughout the city ? Shall he send down to death so many of our noblest youths ? Dastards ! have ye no pity, no shame, for your hapless country, for your ancient gods, for great Aeneas ? ”

<sup>788</sup> Kindled by such words, they take heart and halt in dense array. Step by step Turnus withdraws from the fight, making for the river and the part encircled by the stream. All the more fearlessly the Teucrians press on him with loud shouts and mass their ranks—as when a crowd with levelled spears beset a savage lion : but he, affrighted, yet fierce and glaring angrily, gives ground, and neither wrath nor courage lets him turn his back, nor yet, fain though he be, can he make his way through hunters and through spears. Even thus Turnus in doubt retraces his unhurried steps, his heart seething with rage. Nay, even then twice had he attacked the foe, twice he drove them in flying rout along the walls : but the whole host hastily gathers in a body from the camp, nor durst Saturnian Juno grant him strength to oppose them, for Jupiter sent Iris down through the sky from Heaven, charged with no gentle behests for his sister.<sup>1</sup> should Turnus leave not the Teucrians’ lofty ramparts. Therefore, neither with shield nor sword-arm can the soldier hold his own ; with such a hail of darts is he overwhelmed on all sides. Round his hollow temples the helmet echoes with ceaseless clash ; the solid brass gapes beneath the rain of stones ; the horsehair crest is rent from the head, and the shield’s boss withstands not the

<sup>1</sup> i.e. Juno, who is *et soror et coniunx* (*Aen.* i. 47).

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ictibus ; ingeminant hastis et Troes et ipse  
fulmineus Mnestheus. tum toto corpore sudor  
liquitur et piceum (nec respirare potestas)  
flumen agit, fessos quatit aeger anhelitus artus.  
tum demum praeceps saltu sese omnibus armis 815  
in fluvium dedit. ille suo cum gurgite flavo  
accepit venientem ac mollibus extulit undis  
et laetum sociis abluta caede remisit.

<sup>814</sup> aeger] acer *known to Servius.*      <sup>816</sup> flavo] vasto *Pg<sup>1</sup>.*

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blows: the Trojans and Mnestheus himself, with lightning force, launch a storm of spears. Then o'er all his body flows the sweat and runs in pitchy stream, nor has he breathing space; and a sickly panting shakes his wearied limbs. Then at length, with headlong leap, he plunges in full armour into the river. Tiber with his yellow flood received him as he came, uplifted him on buoyant waters, and, washing away the carnage, returned the joyous hero to his comrades.

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PANDITUR interea domus omnipotentis Olympi MPRV  
conciliumque vocat divum pater atque hominum rex  
sidereum in sedem, terras unde arduus omnis  
castraque Dardanidum aspectat populosque Latinos.  
considunt tectis bipatentibus, incipit ipse : 5  
“ caelicolae magni, quianam sententia vobis  
versa retro tantumque animis certatis inquis ?  
abnueram bello Italiam concurrere Teucris.  
quae contra vetitum discordia ? quis metus aut hos  
aut hos arma sequi ferrumque lassessere suasit ? 10  
adveniet iustum pugnae, ne arcessite, tempus,  
cum fera Karthago Romanis arcibus olim  
exitium magnum atque Alpis immittet apertas :  
tum certare odiis, tum res rapuisse licebit.  
nunc sinite et placitum laeti componite foedus.” 15

Iuppiter haec paucis, at non Venus aurea contra  
pauca refert :  
“ o pater, o hominum rerumque aeterna potestas  
(namque aliud quid sit, quod iam implorare queamus ?)  
cernis, ut insultent Rutuli, Turnusque feratur 20  
per medios insignis equis tumidusque secundo  
Marte ruat ? non clausa tegunt iam moenia Teucros :

<sup>4</sup> spectat *P<sup>2</sup>γ.*      <sup>11</sup> adveniat *γ.*      <sup>15</sup> lacti placidum *M.*  
<sup>20</sup> feratur . . . tumidusque omitted *M<sup>1</sup>.*      <sup>22</sup> claustra *M<sup>1</sup>.*

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<sup>1</sup> The palace of Olympus has doors at the east and west ends. Through the former comes the sun at dawn ; through the latter it returns at night.

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MEANWHILE there is thrown open the palace of omnipotent Olympus, and the Sire of gods and King of men calls a council to his starry dwelling, whence, high-throned, he surveys all lands, the Dardan camp, and the Latin peoples. Within the double-doored hall<sup>1</sup> they take their seats, and the king begins :

“ Mighty sons of Heaven, wherefore is your judgment reversed, and why strive ye with hearts so discordant? I had forbidden Italy to clash in war with Troy. What feud is this, in face of my command? What terror has bidden these or those to rush to arms and provoke the sword? There shall come—hasten it not—a lawful time for battle, when fierce Carthage shall one day let loose upon the heights of Rome mighty destruction, and open upon her the Alps.<sup>2</sup> Then shall it be lawful to vie in hate, then to ravage; now let be and cheerfully assent to the covenant I ordain.”

Thus Jupiter in brief; but not briefly golden Venus makes reply :

“ O Father, O eternal sovereignty of men and things—for what else can there be which we may yet entreat?—seest thou how insolent are the Rutulians, and how Turnus fares elate through the midst upon his chariot, and rushes in swollen pride along the tide of war? No longer do barred walls shelter the

<sup>2</sup> A reference to Hannibal's invasion of Italy in 218 B.C.

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quin intra portas atque ipsis proelia miscent  
aggeribus moerorum et inundant sanguine fossas.  
Aeneas ignarus abest. numquamne levari      25  
obsidione sines? muris iterum imminet hostis  
nascentis Troiae nec non exercitus alter,      MPR  
atque iterum in Teucros Aetolis surgit ab Arpis  
Tydides. equidem credo, mea volnera restant  
et tua progenies mortalia demoror arma.      30  
si sine pace tua atque invito numine Troes  
Italiam petiere, luant peccata neque illos  
iuveris auxilio: sin tot responsa secuti,  
quae Superi Manesque dabant, cur nunc tua quisquam  
vertere iussa potest aut cur nova condere fata?      35  
quid repetam exustas Erycino in litore classis,  
quid tempestatum regem ventosque furentis  
Aeolia excitos aut actam nubibus Irim?  
nunc etiam Manis (haec intemptata manebat  
sors rerum) movet et superis immissa repente      40  
Allecto, medias Italum bacchata per urbes.  
nil super imperio moveor; speravimus ista,  
dum fortuna fuit; vincant quos vincere mavis.  
si nulla est regio, Teucris quam det tua coniunx  
dura, per eversae, genitor, fumantia Troiae      45  
excidia obtestor, liceat dimittere ab armis  
incolumem Ascanium, liceat superesse nepotem.  
Aeneas sane ignotis iactetur in undis  
et, quancumque viam dederit Fortuna, sequatur:  
hunc tegere et dirae valeam subducere pugnae.      50  
est Amathus, est celsa mihi Paphus atque Cythera

<sup>24</sup> fossae MR.

<sup>28</sup> surget My.

<sup>48</sup> sane] procul R. undis] oris  $P^2\gamma^1$ .

<sup>49</sup> quacumque P.

<sup>51</sup> atque alta Cythera  $P^2R\gamma^1$ .

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Teucrians ; nay, within the gates and even on their rampart heights they join battle, and flood the trenches with gore. Aeneas, unwitting, is far away. Wilt thou never suffer the leaguer to be raised ? Once more a foe threatens the walls of infant Troy, yea, a second host ; and once more against the Trojans rises from his Aetolian Arpi a son of Tydeus. Truly, methinks, my wounds are yet to come, and I, thy offspring, delay a mortal spear.<sup>1</sup> If without thy leave and despite thy deity, the Trojans have sought Italy, let them expiate their sin, nor aid thou them with succour. But if they have but followed all the oracles, given by gods above and gods below, why is any one now able to overthrow thy bidding or why to build the fates anew ? Why should I recall the fleet burned on the strand of Eryx ?<sup>2</sup> Why the king of storms, and his raging gales roused from Aeolia,<sup>3</sup> or Iris wafted from the clouds ? Now she even stirs the shades—this quarter of the world was yet untried—and Allecto, launched of a sudden on the upper world, raves through the midst of Italian towns. I reck naught of empire ; that was my hope, while Fortune stood ; let them win whom thou wouldest have win. If there is no country for thy relentless consort to bestow upon the Teucrians, by the smoking ruins of desolate Troy, I beseech thee, O Father, let me dismiss Ascanius from arms unscathed—let my grandson still live ! Aeneas, indeed, may well be tossed on unknown waters, and follow Fortune, what path soever she point out : this child let me avail to shield and withdraw from the dreadful fray. Amathus is mine, mine high Paphus and Cythera, and Idalia's

<sup>1</sup> Diomede, son of Tydeus, wounded Venus when she rescued Aeneas. See Homer, *Iliad*, v. 336.

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Aen.* v. 604 sq.      <sup>3</sup> cf. *Aen.* i. 50 sq.

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Idaliaeque domus : positis inglorius armis  
 exigat hic aevum. magna dictione iubeto MPRV  
 Karthago premat Ausoniam : nihil urbibus inde 55  
 obstabit Tyriis. quid pestem evadere belli  
 iuvit et Argolicos medium fugisse per ignis,  
 totque maris vastaeque exhausta pericula terrae,  
 dum Latium Teucri recidivaque Pergama quaerunt ?  
 non satius, cineres patriae insedisse supremos  
 atque solum, quo Troia fuit? Xanthum et Simoenta 60  
 redde, oro, miseris iterumque revolveare casus  
 da, pater, Iliacos Teucris." tum regia Iuno  
 acta furore gravi : "quid me alta silentia cogis  
 rumpere et obductum verbis volgare dolorem ?  
 Aenean hominum quisquam divumque subegit 65  
 bella sequi aut hostem regi se inferre Latino ?  
 Italiam petiti fatis auctoribus : esto ;  
 Cassandrae impulsus furii : num linquere castra  
 hortati sumus aut vitam committere ventis ?  
 num puero summam belli, num credere muros, 70  
 Tyrrenamque fidem aut gentis agitare quietas ?  
 quis deus in fraudem, quae dura potentia nostra  
 egit ? ubi hic Iuno demissave nubibus Iris ?  
 indignum est Italos Troiam circumdare flammis  
 nascentem et patria Turnum consistere terra, 75  
 cui Pilumnus avus, cui diva Venilia mater :  
 quid face Troianos atra vim ferre Latinis,  
 arva aliena iugo premere atque avertere praedas ?  
 quid soceros legere et gremiis abducere pactas, MPRV  
 pacem orare manu, praefigere pupibus arma ? 80

<sup>53</sup> exiget *V.*  
<sup>71</sup> -que] -ve *RV.*

<sup>59</sup> patriae cineres *Pγ.*  
<sup>72</sup> nostri *M<sup>1</sup>.*

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shrine : here, laying arms aside, let him live out his inglorious days ! Bid Carthage in mighty sway crush Ausonia ; from her shall come no hindrance to Tyrian towns. What has it availed to escape the plague of war, to have fled through the midst of Argive fires, to have exhausted all the perils of sea and desolate lands, while his Teucrians seek Latium and a new-born Troy ? Were it not better to have settled on the last ashes of their country, and the soil where once was Troy ? Restore, I pray, Xanthus and Simois to a hapless people, and let the Teucrians retrace once more the woes of Ilium ! ”

“<sup>62</sup> Then royal Juno, spurred by fierce frenzy : “ Why forcest thou me to break my deep silence and publish to the world my hidden sorrow ? Did any man or god constrain Aeneas to seek war and advance as a foe upon King Latinus ? ‘ He sought Italy at the call of Fate.’ So be it—driven on by Cassandra’s raving ! Did I urge him to quit the camp, or entrust his life to the winds ? To commit the issue of war, the charge of battlements, to a child ? To tamper with Tyrrhene faith or stir up peaceful folk ? What god, what pitiless power of mine drove him to his harm ? Where in this is Juno, or Iris sent down from the clouds ? Ay, ’tis shameful that Italians should gird thy infant Troy with flames, and that Turnus set foot on his native soil—Turnus, whose grandsire is Pilumnus, whose mother divine Venilia ! But what that the Trojans with smoking brands assail the Latins, that they set their yoke upon the fields of others, and drive off the spoil ? What that they choose whose daughters they shall wed, and drag from her lover’s breast the plighted bride ?<sup>1</sup> That they proffer peace with the hand but array their

<sup>1</sup> The reference is to Aeneas, suing for the hand of Lavinia.

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tu potes Aenean manibus subducere Graium  
proque viro nebulam et ventos obtendere inanis,  
et potes in totidem classem convertere nymphas :  
nos aliquid Rutulos contra iuvuisse nefandum est ?

Aeneas ignarus abest : ignarus et absit. 85

est Paphus Idaliumque tibi, sunt alta Cythera :

quid gravidam bellis urbem et corda aspera temptas ?

nosne tibi fluxas Phrygiae res vertere fundo

conamur ? nos ? an miseros qui Troas Achivis

obiecit ? quae causa fuit, consurgere in arma 90

Europamque Asiamque et foedera solvere furto ?

me duce Dardanius Spartam expugnavit adulter

aut ego tela dedi fovive cupidine bella ?

tum decuit metuisse tuis : nunc sera querellis

haud iustis adsurgis et inrita iurgia iactas." 95

Talibus orabat Iuno, cunctique fremebant

caelicolae adsensu vario, ceu flamina prima

cum deprensa fremunt silvis et caeca volant

murmura, venturos nautis prodentia ventos.

tum pater omnipotens, rerum cui prima potestas, 100

infit (eo dicente deum domus alta silescit

et tremefacta solo tellus, silet arduus aether,

tum Zephyri posuere, premit placida aequora pontus) :

"accipite ergo animis atque haec mea figite dicta.

quandoquidem Ausonios coniungi foedere Teucris 105

haud licitum nec vestra capit discordia finem :

quae cuique est fortuna hodie, quam quisque

secat spem,

<sup>88</sup> classes *M.*      <sup>100</sup> prima] summa *M<sup>2</sup>Pγ<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>105</sup> Ausoniis *P<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*. Teucros *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>106</sup> licitum est *R*, *Servius*.

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ships with armour? Thou hast power to steal Aeneas from Grecian hands, and in place of a man to offer them mist and void air, and thou hast power to turn their fleet into as many nymphs:<sup>1</sup> but that we in turn have given some aid to the Rutuli, is that monstrous? ‘Aeneas unwitting is far away’; unwitting and far away let him be! ‘Paphus is thine, Idalium, and high Cythera’: why meddle with savage hearts, and a city teeming with war? Is it I that essay to overthrow from the foundation Phrygia’s tottering state? Is it I? Or is it he who flung the hapless Trojans in the Achaeans’ path? What cause was there that Europe and Asia should arise in arms and break bonds of peace by treachery? Was it I that led the Dardan adulterer to ravage Sparta? Was it I that gave him weapons or fostered war with lust? Then shouldst thou have feared for thine own; now too late thou risest with unjust complaints, and bandiest bickering words in vain.”

<sup>96</sup> Thus pleaded Juno, and all the celestial company murmured assent in diverse wise: even as when rising blasts, caught in the forest, murmur, and roll their dull moanings, betraying to sailors the oncoming of the gale. Then the Father Almighty, prime potentate of the world, begins: as he speaks, the high house of the gods grows silent and earth trembles from her base; silent is high heaven; then the Zephyrs are hushed; Ocean stills his waters into rest.

<sup>104</sup> “Take therefore to heart and fix there these words of mine. Since it may not be that Ausonians and Teucrians join alliance, and your disunion admits no end, whate'er the fortune of each to-day, whate'er the hope each pursues, be he Trojan or be he

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Aen.* ix. 80 sq.

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Tros Rutulusve fuat, nullo discrimine habebo,  
 seu fatis Italum castra obsidione tenentur  
 sive errore malo Troiae monitisque sinistris.      110  
 nec Rutulos solvo. sua cuique exorsa laborem  
 fortunamque ferent. rex Iuppiter omnibus idem;  
 fata viam invenient." Stygii per flumina fratris,  
 per pice torrentis atraque voragine ripas  
 adnuit et totum nutu tremefecit Olympum.      115  
 hic finis fandi. solio tum Iuppiter aureo  
 surgit, caelicolae medium quem ad limina ducunt.

Interea Rutuli portis circum omnibus instant  
 sternere caede viros et moenia cingere flammis.  
 at legio Aeneadum vallis obsessa tenetur,      120  
 nec spes ulla fugae. miseri stant turribus altis  
 neququam et rara muros cinxere corona.  
 Asius Imbrasides Hicetaoniusque Thymoetes  
 Assaracique duo et senior cum Castore Thymbritis  
 prima acies; hos germani Sarpedonis ambo,      125  
 et Clarus et Thaemon, Lycia comitantur ab alta.  
 fert ingens toto conixus corpore saxum,  
 haud partem exiguum montis, Lyrnesius Aemon,  
 nec Clytio genitore minor nec fratre Menestheo.  
 hi iaculis, illi certant defendere saxis      130  
 molirique ignem nervoque aptare sagittas.  
 ipse inter medios, Veneris iustissima cura,  
 Dardanius caput, ecce, puer detectus honestum,  
 qualis gemma micat, fulvum quae dividit aurum,  
 aut collo decus aut capiti, vel quale per artem      135  
 inclusum buxo aut Oricia terebintho  
 lucet ebur; fusos cervix cui lactea crinis

<sup>110</sup> monitisve *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>126</sup> alta] Ida *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>111</sup> quisque *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>137</sup> cervix fusos *Pγ*.

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Rutulian, no distinction shall I make, whether it be Italy's fate that holds the camp in leaguer, or Troy's baneful error and misleading prophecies. Nor do I free the Rutulians.<sup>1</sup> Each one's own course shall bring him weal or woe. Jupiter is king over all alike ; the fates shall find their way." By the waters of his Stygian brother, by the banks that seethe with pitch and black swirling waters, he nodded assent, and with the nod made all Olympus tremble. So passed the parley. Then from his golden throne rose Jupiter, and the celestial company gather round and escort him to the threshold.

<sup>118</sup> Meanwhile, about every gate the Rutulians press on, to slaughter the foe with the sword, and to gird the ramparts with flame. But the host of the Aeneadae is held pent within the palisades, and hope of escape is none. Forlorn and helpless they stand on the high towers, and girdle the walls with scanty ring. Asius, son of Imbrasus, and Thymoetes, son of Hicetaon, and the two Assaraci, and Castor, and old Thymbiris are the foremost rank ; at their side are Sarpedon's two brothers, Clarus and Thae-mon, come from lofty Lycia. One, straining his whole frame, uplifts a giant rock, no scant frag-ment of a mount, even Acmon of Lyrnesus, huge as his father Clytius, or his brother Mnestheus. Some with darts and some with stones, they strive to ward off the foe, and hurl fire and fit arrows to the string. In their midst, lo ! the Dardan boy himself, Venus' most rightful care, his comely head uncovered, glit-ters like a jewel inset in yellow gold to adorn or neck or head, or as ivory gleams, skilfully inlaid in boxwood or Orician terebinth ; his milk-white neck

<sup>1</sup> i.e. from obligations. Jupiter's decree is to bind them as well as the Trojans.

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accipit et molli subnectit circulus auro.  
 te quoque magnanimae viderunt, Ismare, gentes,  
 volnera derigere et calamos armare veneno,      140  
 Maeonia generose domo, ubi pinguia culta  
 exercentque viri Pactolusque irrigat auro.  
 adfuit et Mnestheus, quem pulsi pristina Turni  
 aggere murorum sublimem gloria tollit,  
 et Capys : hinc nomen Campanae ducitur urbi.      145

Illi inter sese duri certamina belli  
 contulerant : media Aeneas freta nocte secabat.  
 namque ut ab Euandro castris ingressus Etruscis  
 regem adit et regi memorat nomenque genusque,  
 quidve petat quidve ipse ferat, Mezentius arma      150  
 quae sibi conciliet, violentaque pectora Turni  
 edocet, humanis quae sit fiducia rebus  
 admonet immiscetque preces : haud fit mora, Tarchon  
 iungit opes foedusque ferit ; tum libera fati  
 classem concendit iussis gens Lydia divum,      155  
 externo commissa duci. Aeneia puppis  
 prima tenet, rostro Phrygios subiuncta leones ;  
 imminet Ida super, profugis gratissima Teucris.  
 hic magnus sedet Aeneas secumque volunt  
 eventus belli varios, Pallasque sinistro      160  
 adfixus lateri iam quaerit sidera, opacae  
 noctis iter, iam quae passus terraque marique.

Pandite nunc Helicona, deae, cantusque movete,

<sup>138</sup> subnectens *M²PR.*      <sup>154</sup> fatis *Servius.*  
<sup>163</sup> monete *Pγ¹.*

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Aen.* VIII. 503. Now that they have a foreign leader,  
 fate will not oppose them.

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receives his streaming locks, clasped in circlet of pliant gold. Thee, too, Ismarus, thy high-souled clansmen saw aiming wounds and arming shafts with venom, thou noble scion of a Lydian house, where men till rich fields and Pactolus waters them with gold. There too was Mnestheus, whom yesterday's triumph of thrusting Turnus from the rampart heights exalts to the stars; and Capys, from whom comes the name of the Campanian city.

<sup>146</sup> Thus they had clashed in stubborn warfare's conflict: and Aeneas at midnight was cleaving the seas. For soon as, leaving Evander and entering the Tuscan camp, he meets the king, and to the king announces his name and his race, the aid he seeks, and the aid he himself offers; informs him of the forces Mezentius is gathering to his side, and the violence of Turnus' spirit; then warns him, what faith may be put in things human, and with pleas mingles entreaties—without delay Tarchon joins forces and strikes a treaty; then, freed from Fate,<sup>1</sup> the Lydian people embark under heaven's ordinance, entrusting themselves to a foreign leader. Aeneas' ship leads the van with Phrygian lions beneath her beak, above them, towering Ida, sight most welcome to Trojan exiles.<sup>2</sup> There sits great Aeneas, pondering the changing issues of war; and Pallas, clinging close to his left side, asks him now of the stars, their guide through darksome night, and now of his trials by land and sea.

<sup>148</sup> Now fling wide Helicon, ye goddesses, and wake your song—what host comes the while with

<sup>3</sup> The ship's figure-head is a representation of Mount Ida (doubtless the mountain-god), while below it are the lions of Cybele. (*cf. IX. 80 sq.*)

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quae manus interea Tuscis comitetur ab oris  
 Aenean armetque rates pelagoque vehatur.

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Massicus aerata princeps secat aequora Tigri,  
 sub quo mille manus iuvenum, qui moenia Clusi  
 quique urbem liquere Cosas, quis tela sagittae  
 gorytique leves umeris et letifer arcus.

una torvus Abas : huic totum insignibus armis      170  
 agmen et aurato fulgebat Apolline puppis.

sescentos illi dederat Populonia mater  
 expertos belli iuvenes, ast Ilva trecentos

insula, inexhaustis Chalybum generosa metallis.  
 tertius ille hominum divumque interpres Asilas,

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cui pecudum fibrae, caeli cui sidera parent  
 et linguae volucrum et praesagi fulminis ignes,

mille rapit densos acie atque horrentibus hastis.  
 hos parere iubent Alpheae ab origine Pisae,

urbs Etrusca solo. sequitur pulcherrimus Astyr,      180  
 Astyr equo fidens et versicoloribus armis.

ter centum adiciunt (mens omnibus una sequendi),  
 qui Caerete domo, qui sunt Minionis in arvis,      MPRV

et Pyrgi veteres intempestaeque Graviscae.

Non ego te, Ligurum ductor fortissime bello,      185  
 transierim, Cinyre, et paucis comitate Cupavo,

cuius olorinae surgunt de vertice pinnae  
 (crimen, Amor, vestrum) formaeque insigne paternae.

namque ferunt luctu Cycnum Phaethontis amati,  
 populeas inter frondes umbramque sororum

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dum canit et maestum musa solatur amorem,

<sup>168</sup> Cosam *P*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>178</sup> hastis] armis *P*<sup>γ</sup><sup>1</sup>.

<sup>179</sup> Alpheia *M*, *Priscian*.

<sup>180</sup> Cinire *V*<sup>γ</sup><sup>2</sup>*b*<sup>1</sup>*c*<sup>2</sup>: Cinyrae *M*: cinera *P*: cinere *γ*<sup>1</sup>*c*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> The Chalybes were famous workers of iron; cf. *Aen.* VIII. 420.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. to thee, Love, and thy mother, Venus. Cycnus, father of Cupavo, loved Phaethon, and was a witness of this

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Aeneas from the Tuscan shores, arming the ships  
and riding o'er the sea.

<sup>166</sup> At their head Massicus cleaves the waters in the bronze-plated Tiger: under him is a band of a thousand youths, who have left the walls of Clusium and the city of Cosae; their weapons arrows, light quivers on the shoulders, and deadly bows. With him is grim Abas, all his train in dazzling armour, his vessel gleaming with a gilded Apollo. To him Populonia had given six hundred of her sons, all skilled in war, but Ilva three hundred—an island rich in the Chalybes' inexhaustible mines.<sup>1</sup> Third comes Asilas, famous interpreter between gods and men, whom the victims' entrails obey, and the stars of heaven, the tongues of birds and prophetic lightning fires. A thousand men he hurries to war in serried array and bristling with spears. These Pisa bids obey him—city of Alphean birth, but set in Tuscan soil. Then follows Astyr, of wondrous beauty—Astyr, relying on his steed and many-coloured arms. Three hundred more—all of one soul in following—come from the men who have their home in Caere and in the plains of Minio, in ancient Pyrgi, and fever-stricken Graviscae.

<sup>185</sup> Nor would I pass thee by, O Cinyras, bravest in war of Ligurian captains, or thee, Cupavo, with thy scanty train, from whose crest rise the swan-plumes—a reproach, O Love, to thee and thine<sup>2</sup>—even the badge of his father's form. For they tell that Cycnus, in grief for his loved Phaëthon, while he is singing and with music solacing his woeful love amid the shade of his sisters' leafy poplars, drew youth's destruction by Jupiter. Being plunged into grief, he was transformed into a swan. The sisters of Phaëthon were at the same time changed into poplars.

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canentem molli pluma duxisse senectam,  
linquentem terras et sidera voce sequentem.  
filius, aequalis comitatus classe catervas,  
ingentem remis Centaurum promovet : ille      195  
instat aquae saxumque undis immane minatur  
arduuus, et longa sulcat maria alta carina.

Ille etiam patriis agmen ciet Ocnus ab oris,  
fatidicae Mantus et Tusci filius amnis,  
qui muros matrisque dedit tibi, Mantua, nomen,    200  
Mantua, dives avis, sed non genus omnibus unum :  
gens illi triplex, populi sub gente quaterni,  
ipsa caput populis, Tusco de sanguine vires.  
hinc quoque quingentos in se Mezentius armat,  
quos patre Benaco velatus harundine glauca      205  
Mincius infesta ducebat in aequora pinu.  
it gravis Aulestes centenaque arbore fluctum  
verberat adsurgens ; spumanter vada marmore verso.  
hunc vehit immanis Triton et caerulea concha      MPR  
exterrens freta, cui laterum tenus hispida nanti    210  
frons hominem praefert, in pristim desinit alvus ;  
spumea semifero sub pectore murmurat unda.  
tot lecti proceres ter denis navibus ibant  
subsilio Troiae et campos salis aere secabant.

Iamque dies caelo concesserat almaque curru    215  
noctivago Phoebe medium pulsabat Olympum :  
Aeneas (neque enim membris dat cura quietem)  
ipse sedens clavumque regit velisque ministrat.

<sup>194</sup> aequali *M<sup>1</sup>*.      <sup>202</sup> illis *V.*      <sup>207</sup> fluctus *R.*

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<sup>1</sup> In the territory of Mantua were three races, each master of four cities. Once head of a confederacy of twelve Tuscan  
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over his form the soft plumage of hoary eld, leaving earth and seeking the stars with his cry. His son, following on ship-board with a band of like age, drives with oars the mighty Centaur; over the water towers the monster, and threatens to hurl a monstrous rock into the waves from above, while with long keel he furrows the deep seas.

<sup>198</sup> Yonder, too, Ocnus summons a host from his native shores, son of prophetic Manto and the Tuscan river, who gave thee, O Mantua, ramparts and his mother's name—Mantua, rich in ancestry, yet not all of one stock: three races are there, and under each race four peoples:<sup>1</sup> herself the head of the peoples, her strength from Tuscan blood. Hence, too, Mezentius arms five hundred against himself,<sup>2</sup> whom Mincius, child of Benacus, crowned with gray sedge, leads over the seas in their hostile ships of pine. On comes Aulestes heavily, lashing the waves as he rises to the stroke of a hundred oars; the waters foam as the surface is upturned. He sails in the huge Triton, whose shell affrights the blue billows: its shaggy front, as it floats, shows a man down to the waist, its belly ends in a fish; beneath the monster's breast the wave gurgles in foam. So many the chosen chiefs who sailed in thrice ten ships to the succour of Troy, and cut the briny plains with brazen beak.

<sup>215</sup> And now day had passed from the sky and gracious Phoebe was trampling mid-heaven with her night-roving steeds; Aeneas, for care allows no rest to his limbs, sat at his post, his own hand guiding the rudder and tending the sails. And lo! in mid

cities (*cf. Livy, v. 33*), Mantua in the time of Pliny was the only Tuscan city north of the Po.

<sup>1</sup> They had taken up arms against the tyrant.

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atque illi medio in spatio chorus, ecce, suarum  
occurrit comitum: nymphae, quas alma Cybebe 220  
numen habere maris nymphasque e navibus esse  
iusserat, innabant pariter fluctusque secabant,  
quot prius aeratae steterant ad litora prorae.  
adgnoscunt longe regem lustrantque choreis.

\*quarum quae fandi doctissima Cymodocea 225  
pone sequens dextra puppim tenet ipsaque dorso  
eminet ac laeva tacitis subremigat undis.

tum sic ignarum adloquitur: "vigilasne, deum gens,  
Aenea? vigila et velis immittre rudentis.

nos sumus, Idaeae sacro de vertice pinus, 230

nunc pelagi Nymphae, classis tua. perfidus ut nos  
praecipites ferro Rutulus flammaque premebat,  
rupimus invitae tua vincula teque per aequor  
quaerimus. hanc Genetrix faciem miserata refecit

et dedit esse deas aevumque agitare sub undis. 235

at puer Ascanius muro fossisque tenetur MPRV  
tela inter media atque horrentis Marte Latinos.

iam loca iussa tenet forti permixtus Etrusco

Arcas eques; medias illis opponere turmas,

ne castris iungant, certa est sententia Turno. 240

surge age et Aurora socios veniente vocari

primus in arma iube et clipeum cape, quem dedit ipse  
invictum ignipotens atque oras ambiit auro.

crastina lux, mea si non inrita dicta putaris,

ingentis Rutulae spectabit caedis acervos." 245

dixerat, et dextra discedens impulit altam,

haud ignara modi, puppim: fugit illa per undas

ocio et iaculo et ventos aequante sagitta.

<sup>221</sup> nomen *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*.      <sup>223</sup> quot] quae *P<sup>2</sup>*.      puppis *M<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>237</sup> horrentis *MR*: orrentis *γ<sup>2b</sup>*: ardentis *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>238</sup> tenent *MV*.      <sup>242</sup> ipse] igni *V*.

<sup>245</sup> spectabis *MPγ<sup>1</sup>*, known to *Servius*.

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course a band of his own company meets him, for the nymphs whom gracious Cybele had bidden be deities of the sea, and turn from ships to nymphs, came swimming abreast and cleaving the billows, as many as the brazen prows that once lay moored to shore. They know their king from afar, and encircle him with dances. From among them, Cymodocea, who was most skilled in speech, following behind, grasps the stern with her right hand, and herself rises breast high above the wave, while with her left hand she oars her way upon the silent waters. Then thus she accosts the prince, all unaware : " Wakest thou, Aeneas, scion of gods? Wake and fling loose the sheets of thy sails. We—pines of Ida, from her sacred crest, now nymphs of the sea—are thy fleet ! When the traitorous Rutulian was driving us headlong with fire and sword, reluctant we broke thy bonds, and are seeking thee over the main. This new shape the Great Mother gave us in pity, and granted us to be goddesses and spend our life beneath the waves. But thy boy Ascanius is hemmed in by wall and trench, in the midst of arms and of Latins, bristling with war. Already the Arcadian horse, joined with brave Etruscans, hold the appointed place ; to bar their way with interposing squadrons, lest they approach the camp, is Turnus' fixed resolve. Up, then, and with the coming dawn first bid thy friends be called to arms, and take thou the shield which the Lord of Fire himself gave thee—the shield invincible, and rimmed about with gold. To-morrow's light, if thou deem not my words idle, shall look on mighty heaps of Rutulian carnage." She ended, and at parting, with her right hand she drove the tall ship on, well knowing how ; on it speeds over the wave, fleeter than javelin and wind-swift arrow.

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inde aliae celerant cursus. stupet inscius ipse  
 Tros Anchisiades, animos tamen omine tollit. 250  
 tum breviter supera aspectans convexa precatur :  
 "alma parens Idaea deum, cui Dindyma cordi  
 turrigeraeque urbes biiugique ad frena leones,  
 tu mihi nunc pugnae princeps, tu rite propinquus  
 augurium Phrygibusque adsis pede, diva, secundo."  
 tantum effatus. et interea revoluta ruebat 256  
 matura iam luce dies noctemque fugarat.

Principio sociis edicit, signa sequantur  
 atque animos aptent armis pugnaeque parent se.  
 iamque in conspectu Teucros habet et sua castra, 260  
 stans celsa in puppi, clipeum cum deinde sinistra  
 extulit ardensem. clamorem ad sidera tollunt MPR  
 Dardanidae e muris, spes addita suscitat iras,  
 tela manu iaciunt, quales sub nubibus atris  
 Strymoniae dant signa grues atque aethera tranant 265  
 cum sonitu, fugiunteque Notos clamore secundo.  
 at Rutulo regi ducibusque ea mira videri  
 Ausoniis, donec versas ad litora puppis  
 respiciunt totumque ad labi classibus aequor.  
 ardet apex capiti cristisque a vertice flamma 270  
 funditur et vastos umbo vomit aureus ignis :  
 non secus ac liquida si quando nocte cometae  
 sanguinei lugubre rubent, aut Sirius ardor  
 ille, sitim morbosque ferens mortalibus aegris,  
 nascitur et laevo contristat lumine caelum. 275

<sup>251</sup> super  $M^1 P V \gamma^1$ .  
<sup>270</sup> a] ac  $P R \gamma$ .

<sup>256</sup> rubebat  $P^2 \gamma^1$ .  
<sup>271</sup> aerius  $M$ .

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Then the rest quicken their speed. Marvelling, the Trojan son of Anchises is in amaze, yet cheers his soul with the omen. Then looking at the vault above, he briefly prays: "Gracious lady of Ida, mother of the gods, to whom Dindymus is dear, and tower-crowned cities, and lions coupled to thy rein, be thou now my leader in the fight, do thou duly prosper the omen, and attend thy Phrygians, O goddess, with favouring step!" Thus much he said; and meanwhile the returning day was rushing on with fulness of light, and had chased away the night.

<sup>258</sup> First he commands his comrades to follow his signals, attune their hearts to combat and fit themselves for the fray. And now, as he stands on the high stern, he had his Trojans and his camp in view, when at once he lifted high in his left hand his blazing shield. The Dardans from the walls raise a shout to the sky; fresh hope kindles wrath; they shower their darts amain—even as amid black clouds Strymonian cranes give signal, while clamorously they skim the air, and flee before the south winds with joyous cries.<sup>1</sup> But to the Rutulian king and the Ausonian captains these things seemed marvellous, till, looking back, they behold the shoreward-facing sterns, and the whole sea moving onward with the ships. On the hero's head blazes the helmet-peak, flame streams from the crest aloft, and the shield's golden boss spouts floods of fire—even as when in the clear night comets glow blood-red in baneful wise; or even as fiery Sirius, that bearer of drought and pestilence to feeble mortals, rises and saddens the sky with baleful light.

<sup>1</sup> They are returning, at the end of winter, to their home on the Strymon.

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Haud tamen audaci Turno fiducia cessit  
 litora praecipere et venientis pellere terra. 277  
 “quod votis optastis, adest, perfringere dextra. 279  
 in manibus Mars ipse viris. nunc coniugis esto 280  
 quisque suae tectique inemor, nunc magna referto  
 facta, patrum laudes. ultro occurramus ad undam,  
 dum trepidi egressisque labant vestigia prima.  
 audentis Fortuna iuvat.”  
 haec ait et secum versat, quos ducere contra 285  
 vel quibus obsessos possit concredere muros.

Interea Aeneas socios de puppibus altis  
 pontibus exponit. multi servare recursus  
 languentis pelagi et brevibus se credere saltu,  
 per remos alii. speculatus litora Tarchon, 290  
 qua vada non spirant nec fracta remurmurat unda,  
 sed mare inoffensum crescenti adlabitur aestu,  
 advertit subito proras sociosque precatur :  
 “nunc, o lecta manus, validis incumbite remis ;  
 tollite, ferte rates ; inimicam findite rostris 295  
 hanc terram, sulcumque sibi premat ipsa carina.  
 frangere nec tali puppim statione recuso,  
 arrepta tellure semel.” quae talia postquam  
 effatus Tarchon, socii consurgere tonsis  
 spumantisque rates arvis inferre Latinis, 300  
 donec rostra tenent siccum et sedere carinae  
 omnes innocuae. sed non puppis tua, Tarchon.  
 namque inficta vadis dorso dum pendet iniquo,  
 anceps sustentata diu, fluctusque fatigat,  
 solvitur atque viros mediis exponit in undis ; 305  
 fragmina remorum quos et fluitantia transtra  
 impediunt retrahitque pedes simul unda relabens.

<sup>278</sup> (= IX. 127) omitted by MPγ.      <sup>280</sup> viri R.

<sup>281</sup> referte Pγ<sup>1</sup>.      <sup>283</sup> egressi Rγ, known to Servius.

<sup>291</sup> sperat PRγ, preferred by Servius.

<sup>293</sup> proram M<sup>2</sup>: prora R.      <sup>297</sup> puppes PR.

<sup>303</sup> vadi P<sup>1</sup>, Probus.      <sup>307</sup> pedem M<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>276</sup> Yet fearless Turnus lost not the firm hope, to seize the shore first, and drive the coming foe from land. "What in your prayers ye have craved, ye now may do—break through with the sword! The war-god's self is in brave men's hands!<sup>1</sup> Now let each be mindful of his wife and home; now recall the great deeds, the glories of our sires! Let us on and meet them at the water's edge, while they are confused, and their feet falter, as first they land. Fortune aids the daring." So saying, he ponders with himself whom to lead to the attack, or to whom he may entrust the beleaguered walls.

<sup>287</sup> Meanwhile Aeneas lands his crews from the tall ships by gangways. Many watch for the ebb of the spent sea, and boldly leap into the shallows; others use oars. Tarchon, marking the shore where the shallows heave not nor the broken billow roars, but the sea, unchecked, glides up with spreading flow, suddenly turns his prows thither and implores his men: "Now, O chosen band, bend to your stout oars! Uplift, drive on your barques; cleave with your beaks this hostile shore, and let the keel herself plough a furrow. In such resting-place I shrink not from shipwreck, so but once I win the land." When Tarchon has thus spoken, his comrades rise on to their oars, and drive their foaming ships upon the Latin fields, till the beaks gain the dry land and every hull comes to rest unscathed. But not thy ship, Tarchon; for while, dashing amid the shallows, she hangs upon an uneven ridge, long poised in doubtful balance, and wearies the waves, she breaks up and plunges her crew amid the billows. Broken oars and floating thwarts entangle them, while the ebbing wave sucks back their feet.

<sup>1</sup> Or, reading *viri*, "Comrades, Mars himself (= the battle itself) is in your hands!"

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Nec Turnum segnis retinet mora, sed rapit acer totam aciem in Teucros et contra in litore sistit.  
 signa canunt. primus turmas invasit agrestis 310  
 Aeneas, omen pugnae, stravitque Latinos,  
 occiso Therone, virum qui maximus ulti  
 Aenean petit. huic gladio perque aerea suta,  
 per tunicam squalentem auro latus haurit apertum.  
 inde Lichan ferit, exsectum iam matre perempta 315  
 et tibi, Phoebe, sacrum, casus evadere ferri  
 quod licuit parvo. nec longe, Cissea durum  
 immanemque Gyan, sternentis agmina clava,  
 deiecit Leto : nihil illos Herculis arma  
 nec validae iuvere manus genitorque Melampus, 320  
 Alcidae comes usque gravis dum terra labores  
 praebuit. ecce Pharo, voces dum iactat inertis,  
 intorquens iaculum clamanti sistit in ore.  
 tu quoque, flaventem prima lanugine malas  
 dum sequeris Clytium infelix, nova gaudia, Cydon, 325  
 Dardania stratus dextra, securus amorum,  
 qui iuvenum tibi semper erant, miserande iaceres,  
 ni fratum stipata cohors foret obvia, Phorci  
 progenies, septem numero, septenaque tela  
 coniciunt : partim galea clipeoque resultant 330  
 irrita, deflexit partim stringentia corpus  
 alma Venus. fidum Aeneas adfatur Achaten :  
 " suggere tela mihi : non ullum dextera frustra  
 torserit in Rutulos, steterunt quae in corpore Graium  
 Iliacis campis." tum magnam corripit hastam 335  
 et iacit : illa volans clipei transverberat aera  
 Maeonis et thoraca simul cum pectore rumpit.  
 huic frater subit Alcanor fratremque ruuentem

<sup>317</sup> quo  $P^2\gamma^1$ : cui R, known to Servius.

<sup>321</sup> cum M<sup>1</sup>. <sup>323</sup> clamantis MP $\gamma$ .

<sup>324</sup> steterint M<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>308</sup> Nor does dull delay hold Turnus back, but swiftly he sweeps his whole army upon the Trojans, and plants it against them on the shore. The trumpets sound. First dashed Aeneas on the rustic ranks—fair omen for the fight—and laid low the Latins, slaying Theron, who in his might dared assail the hero Aeneas. Driven through the brazen joints and through tunic rough with gold, the sword drank from his pierced side. Next he strikes Lichas, who was cut from his dead mother's womb, and consecrated to thee, Phoebus, for that as a babe he was suffered to escape the peril of the steel. Hard by, he cast down to death sturdy Cisseus and giant Gyas, as they with clubs laid low the ranks : naught availed them the arms of Hercules, or their stout hands and Melampus their sire—even Alcides' comrade, while earth yielded him grievous travails. Lo ! as Pharos flings forth idle words, he launches his javelin and plants it in his bawling mouth. Thou, too, hapless Cydon, while thou followest thy new delight, Clytius, whose cheeks are golden with early down—thou hadst fallen under the Dardan hand and lain, O piteous sight, forgetful of all thy youthful loves, had not thy brethren's serried band met the foe—children of Phorcus, seven in number, and seven the darts they throw. Some from helmet and shield glance idly ; some, so that they but graze the body, kindly Venus turned aside. Thus Aeneas speaks to loyal Achates : “ Bring me store of weapons ; none shall my hand hurl at Rutulians in vain, of all that once on Ilium's plains were lodged in bodies of the Greeks.” Then he seizes a great spear and hurls it ; flying, it crashes through the brass of Maeon's shield, rending corslet and breast at once. To his aid runs up Alcanor, and with his right arm brother upholds

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sustentat dextra : traecto missa lacerto  
protinus hasta fugit servatque cruenta tenorem, 340  
dexteraque ex umero nervis moribunda pependit.  
tum Numitor iaculo fratris de corpore rapto  
Aenean petiti; sed non et figere contra  
est licitum, magnique femur perstrinxit Achatae.

Hic Curibus, fidens primaevō corpore, Clausus 345  
advenit et rigida Dryopem ferit eminus hasta  
sub mentum graviter pressa pariterque loquentis  
vocem animamque rapit traecto gutture : at ille  
fronte ferit terram et crassum vomit ore cruorem.  
tris quoque Threicios Boreae de gente suprema 350  
et tris, quos Idas pater et patria Ismara mittit,  
per varios sternit casus. accurrit Halaesus  
Auruncaeque manus, subit et Neptunia proles,  
insignis Messapus equis. expellere tendunt  
nunc hi, nunc illi ; certatur limine in ipso 355  
Ausoniae. magno discordes aethere venti  
proelia ceu tollunt animis et viribus aequis ;  
non ipsi inter se, non nubila, non mare cedit ;  
anceps pugna diu, stant obnixa omnia contra :  
haud aliter Troianae acies aciesque Latinae 360  
concurrunt, haeret pede pes densusque viro vir.

At parte ex alia, qua saxa rotantia late  
impulerat torrens arbustaque diruta ripis,  
Arcadas, insuetos acies inferre pedestris,  
ut vidi Pallas Latio dare terga sequaci 365  
(aspera quis natura loci dimittere quando  
suasit equos), unum quod rebus restat egenis,  
nunc prece, nunc dictis virtutem accendit amaris :  
“quo fugitis, socii ? per vos et fortia facta,

<sup>349</sup> ferit] premit *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*.      <sup>368</sup> cedunt *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>363</sup> intulerat *R*.

<sup>366</sup> quos *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*. *Priscian* interprets quando *as* aliquando,  
*Servius* *as* siquidem.

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falling brother ; piercing the arm, the spear flies right onward, keeping its bloody course, and the dying arm hung by the sinews from the shoulder. Then Numitor, tearing the lance from his brother's body, aimed at Aeneas, yet could not also strike him full, but grazed the thigh of great Achates.

345 Now comes up Clausus from Cures, trusting in his youthful frame, and from a distance smites Dryops under the chin with his stiff shaft driven amain, and piercing his throat robs him, even as he speaks, of voice and life together ; but Dryops smites the ground with his forehead, and from his mouth vomits thick gore. Three Thracians, too, of the exalted race of Boreas, and three, whom their father Idas and their native Ismarus sent forth, he lays low in divers wise. Halaesus runs to his side, and the Auruncan bands ; the scion, too, of Neptune comes up, Messapus glorious with his steeds. Now these, now those, strain to thrust back the foe ; on Ausonia's very threshold is the struggle. As in wide heaven warring winds rise to battle, matched in spirit and strength ; they yield not to one another—not winds, not clouds, not sea ; long is the battle doubtful ; all things stand locked in struggle ; even so clash the ranks of Troy and the ranks of Latium, foot fast with foot, and man massed with man.

362 But in another part, where a torrent had driven far and wide rolling boulders and bushes uprooted from the banks, soon as Pallas saw his Arcadians, unused to charge on foot, turn to flight before pursuing Latium—for the roughness of ground lured them for once to resign their steeds—then, as the one hope in such strait, now with entreaties, now with bitter words, he fires their valour : “ Friends, whither flee ye ? By your brave deeds I pray you, by your King

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per ducis Euandri nomen devictaque bella                    370  
 spemque meam, patriae quae nunc subit aemula laudi,  
 fidite ne pedibus. ferro rumpenda per hostis  
 est via. qua globus ille virum densissimus urget,  
 hac vos et Pallanta ducem patria alta reposcit.  
 numina nulla premunt, mortali urgemur ab hoste            375  
 mortales; totidem nobis animaeque manusque.  
 ecce, maris magna claudit nos obice pontus,  
 deest iam terra fugae; pelagus Troiamne petemus?"  
 haec ait et medius densos prorumpit in hostis.

Obvius huic primum, fatis adductus inquis,                    380  
 fit Lagus. hunc, magno vellit dum pondere saxum,  
 intorto figit telo, discrimina costis  
 per medium qua spina dabat, hastamque receptat  
 ossibus haerentem. quem non super occupat Hisbo,  
 ille quidem hoc sperans: nam Pallas ante ruentem,            385  
 dum furit, incautum crudeli morte sodalis  
 excipit atque ensem tumido in pulmone recondit.  
 hinc Sthenium petit et Rhoeti de gente vetusta  
 Anchémolum, thalamos ausum incestare nevercae.  
 vos etiam, gemini, Rutulis cecidistis in arvis,                    390  
 Daucia, Laride Thymberque, simillima proles,  
 indiscreta suis gratusque parentibus error;  
 at nunc dura dedit vobis discrimina Pallas:  
 nam tibi, Thymbre, caput Euandrius abstulit ensis,  
 te decisa suum, Laride, dextera quaerit                        395  
 semianimesque micant digiti ferrumque retractant.

Arcadas accensos monitu et praeclara tuentis  
 facta viri mixtus dolor et pudor armat in hostis.

<sup>377</sup> *Servius knows* magno, magna, and magni.

<sup>378</sup> petamus *M²Rγ¹*.    <sup>381</sup> vellit magno *PRγ*.

<sup>383</sup> dedit *R*.    <sup>380</sup> agris *Pγ¹*.    <sup>388</sup> pudor] furor *R*.

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Evander's name, by the wars ye have won, by my hopes, now springing up to match my father's renown—trust not to flight. 'Tis the sword must hew a way through the foe. Where yonder mass of men presses thickest, there your noble country calls you back, with Pallas at your head. No gods press upon us; mortals, by mortal foes are we driven; we have as many lives, as many hands as they. Lo! ocean hemms us in with mighty barrier of sea; even now earth fails our flight; shall we seek the main or Troy?" So speaking, he dashes on into the midst of the serried foe.

<sup>380</sup> First Lagus meets him, drawn thither by unkind fate; him, while tearing at a stone of vast weight, he pierces with hurled javelin, where the spine midway between the ribs made a parting, and plucks back the spear from its lodging in the bones. Nor does Hisbo surprise him, falling on him from above, and hopeful though he be; for Pallas, as he rushes on, reckless and enraged o'er his comrade's cruel death, has welcome ready and buries his sword in his swollen<sup>1</sup> lung. Next he assails Sthenius, and Anchemolus of Rhoetus' ancient line, who dared defile his stepdame's bed. Ye too, twin brethren, fell on Rutulian plains, Larides and Thymber, sons of Daucus, most like in semblance, indistinguishable to kindred, and to their own parents a sweet perplexity. But a grim difference now has Pallas made between you. For thy head, Thymber, had Evander's sword swept off; while thy severed hand, Larides, seeks its master, and the dying fingers twitch and clutch again at the sword.

<sup>397</sup> Fired by his chiding and beholding his glorious deeds, the Arcadians are armed by mingled wrath

<sup>1</sup> i.e. with rage.

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tum Pallas biiugis fugientem Rhoetea praeter  
 traicit. hoc spatium tantumque morae fuit Ilo. 400  
 Ilo namque procul validam derexerat hastam :  
 quam medius Rhoeteus intercipit, optime Teuthra,  
 te fugiens fratremque Tyren ; curruque volutus  
 caedit semianimis Rutulorum calcibus arva.  
 ac velut optato ventis aestate coortis                          405  
 dispersa immittit silvis incendia pastor ;  
 correptis subito mediis extenditur una  
 horrida per latos acies Volcania campos ;  
 ille sedens victor flamas despectat ovantis :  
 non aliter socium virtus coit omnis in unum                  410  
 teque iuvat, Palla. sed bellis acer Halaesus  
 tendit in adversos seque in sua colligit arma.  
 hic mactat Ladona Pheretaque Demodocumque,  
 Strymonio dextram fulgenti deripit ense  
 elatam in iugulum, saxo ferit ora Thoantis                  415  
 ossaque dispersit cerebro permixta cruento.  
 fata canens silvis genitor celarat Halaesum :  
 ut senior leto canentia lumina solvit,  
 iniecere manum Parcae telisque sacrarunt  
 Euandri. quem sic Pallas petit ante precatus : 420  
 "da nunc, Thybri pater, ferro, quod missile libro,  
 fortunam atque viam duri per pectus Halaesi.  
 haec arma exuviasque viri tua quercus habebit."  
 audiit illa deus ; dum texit Imaona Halaesus,  
 Arcadio infelix telo dat pectus inermum.                          425

At non caede viri tanta perterrita Lausus,  
 pars ingens belli, sinit agmina : primus Abantem  
 oppositum interimit, pugnae nodumque moramque

<sup>401</sup> direxerat *M<sup>1</sup>P<sub>Y</sub>*.

<sup>417</sup> cavens, known to Servius.

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and shame to face the foe. Then Pallas pierces Rhoeteus, as he flies past in his car. Thus much respite, thus much delay Ilus gained ; for at Ilus he had launched from afar his strong spear, and Rhoeteus intercepts it midway, fleeing from thee, noble Teuthras, and from Tyres thy brother. Rolling from the car in death, he spurns with his heels the Rutulian fields. And as in summer, when the winds he longed for have risen, some shepherd kindles fires here and there among the woods ; on a sudden the mid-spaces catch, and Vulcan's bristling battle-line spreads o'er the broad fields unbroken ; he, from his seat, gazes down victorious on the revelling flames : even so all thy comrades' chivalry rallies to one point in aid of thee, Pallas ! But Halaesus, bold in war, advances to confront them, and gathers himself behind his shield. He slays Ladon, and Pheres, and Demodocus ; with gleaming sword he lops off Strymonius' hand, raised against his throat ; then smites Thoas in the face with a stone, and scattered the bones, mingled with blood and brains. His sire, prophetic of fate, had hidden Halaesus in the woods : when, with advance of age, he relaxed his glazing eyes in death, the Fates laid hand on him and devoted him to Evander's darts. Him Pallas assails, first praying thus : "Grant now, father Tiber, to the steel I poise and hurl, a prosperous way through stout Halaesus' breast ; thy oak shall hold these arms and the hero's spoils." The god heard the prayer ; while Halaesus shielded Imaon, the luckless man offers his defenceless breast to the Arcadian lance.

<sup>426</sup> But Lausus, a mighty portion of the war, lets not his ranks be dismayed by the hero's vast carnage ; first he cuts down Abas, who faces him, the battle's

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sternitur Arcadiae proles, sternuntur Etrusci,  
 et vos, o Grais imperdita corpora, Teucri. 430  
 agmina concurrunt ducibusque et viribus aequis.  
 extremi addensent acies nec turba moveri  
 tela manusque sinit. hinc Pallas instat et urget,  
 hinc contra Lausus, nec multum discrepat aetas,  
 egregii forma, sed quis Fortuna negarat 435  
 in patriam reditus. ipsos concurrere passus  
 haud tamen inter se magni regnator Olympi ;  
 mox illos sua fata manent maiore sub hoste.

Interea soror alma monet succedere Lauso  
 Turnum, qui volucri curru medium secat agmen. 440  
 ut vidi socios : “ tempus desistere pugnae ;  
 solus ego in Pallanta feror, soli mihi Pallas  
 debetur; cuperem ipse parens spectator adesset.”  
 haec ait, et socii cesserunt aequore iusso.  
 at Rutulum abscessu iuvenis tum, iussa superba 445  
 miratus, stupet in Turno corpusque per ingens  
 lumina volvit obitque truci procul omnia visu,  
 talibus et dictis it contra dicta tyranni :  
 “ aut spoliis ego iam raptis laudabor opimis  
 aut leto insigni ; sorti pater aequus utrique est. 450  
 tolle minas.” fatus medium procedit in aequor.  
 frigidus Arcadibus coit in praecordia sanguis.  
 desiluit Turnus biiugis, pedes apparat ire  
 comminus ; utque leo, specula cum vidi ab alta  
 stare procul campis meditantem in proelia taurum, 455  
 advolat : haud alia est Turni venientis imago.  
 hunc ubi contiguum missae fore credidit hastae,

<sup>432</sup> addensant *MP<sup>2</sup>R<sub>γ</sub>*.  
<sup>446</sup> miratur *R<sub>γ</sub><sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>441</sup> pugna *R.*  
<sup>455</sup> in omitted by *P<sub>γ</sub>*.

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knot<sup>1</sup> and barrier. Then falls the youth of Arcadia, the Etruscans fall, and ye, O Trojans, whose bodies the Greeks wasted not. The armies close, matched in captains, as in might; the rearmost crowd upon the van, and the throng suffers not weapons or hands to move. Here Pallas presses and strains; there Lausus confronts him; the two nearly matched in years, and peerless in beauty, but to them fortune had denied return to their fatherland. Yet the king of great Olympus suffered them not to meet face to face; ere long each has his own fate awaiting him beneath a greater foe.

<sup>439</sup> Meanwhile his gracious sister warns Turnus to go to Lausus' aid, and with his swift car he cleaves the ranks between. As he saw his comrades: " 'Tis time," he cries, "to stand aside from battle; I alone encounter Pallas; to me alone is Pallas due; I would that his father himself were here to see!" He said, and at his bidding his comrades withdrew from the field. But when the Rutulians retired, then the youth, marvelling at the haughty behest, stands in amaze at Turnus, rolls his eyes over that giant frame, and with fierce glance scans all from afar, then with these words meets the monarch's words: " Soon shall I win praise either for kingly spoils or for a glorious death; my sire is equal to either lot: away with threats!" So saying, he advances into the midfield: cold gathers the blood at the hearts of the Arcadians. Down from his car leapt Turnus; on foot he makes ready to close with the other. And as when from some lofty outlook a lion has seen a bull stand afar on the plain, meditating battle, on he rushes; even such seemed the coming of Turnus. But Pallas, when he deemed his foe within range of a spear-cast, advanced

<sup>1</sup> The metaphor comes from a knot, difficult to untie.

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ire prior Pallas, si qua fors adiuvet ausum  
viribus imparibus, magnumque ita ad aethera fatur:  
“per patris hospitium et mensas, quas advena  
adisti,

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te precor, Alcide, coeptis ingentibus adsis. MR  
cernat semineci sibi me rapere arma cruenta  
victoremque ferant morientia lumina Turni.”

audiit Alcides iuvenem magnumque sub imo  
corde premit gemitum lacrimasque effundit inanis. 465  
tum genitor natum dictis adfatur amicis :

“stat sua cuique dies, breve et inreparabile tempus  
omnibus est vitae ; sed famam extendere factis,  
hoc virtutis opus. Troiae sub moenibus altis

tot gnati cecidere deum, quin occidit una 470  
Sarpedon, mea progenies. etiam sua Turnum  
fata vocant metasque dati pervenit ad aevi.”

sic ait atque oculos Rutulorum reicit arvis.

At Pallas magnis emittit viribus hastam  
vaginaque cava fulgentem deripit ensem. 475  
illa volans, umeri surgunt qua tegmina summa,  
incidit atque viam clipei molita per oras  
tandem etiam magno strinxit de corpore Turni.

Hic Turnus ferro praefixum robur acuto  
in Pallanta diu librans iacit atque ita fatur : 480  
“aspice, num mage sit nostrum penetrabile telum.”  
dixerat ; at clipeum, tot ferri terga, tot aeris,  
quem pellis totiens obeat circumdata tauri,  
vibranti cuspis medium transverberat ictu  
loricaeque moras et pectus perforat ingens. 485

<sup>476</sup> diripit *Mγ<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>476</sup> summa] prima *R.*

<sup>477</sup> est molita *M.*

<sup>481</sup> magi *R.*

<sup>488</sup> quem] cum *M<sup>2</sup>R*, *Servius.*

<sup>484</sup> medium cuspis *Rγ.*

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the first, if haply chance would aid the venture of his ill-matched strength, and thus to great heaven he cries : " By my father's welcome, and the board whereto thou camest a stranger, I beseech thee, Alcides, aid my high emprise ! May Turnus see me strip the bloody arms from his dying limbs, and may his glazing eyes endure a conqueror !" Alcides heard the youth, and deep in his heart stifled a heavy groan, and shed idle tears. Then with kindly words the Father bespeaks his son :<sup>1</sup> " Each has his day appointed ; short and irretrievable is the span of life to all : but to lengthen fame by deeds—that is valour's task. Under Troy's high walls fell those many sons of gods ; yea, with them fell mine own child Sarpedon.<sup>2</sup> For Turnus too his own fate calls, and he has reached the goal of his allotted years." So he speaks, and turns his eyes away from the Rutulian fields.

<sup>474</sup> But Pallas hurls his spear with all his strength and plucks his flashing sword from its hollow scabbard. On flies the shaft and strikes where the top of the mail rises to guard the shoulder ; then, forcing a way through the shield's rim, at last even grazed the mighty frame of Turnus.

<sup>479</sup> At this, Turnus, long poising his oaken shaft, tipped with sharp steel, hurls it against Pallas, speaking thus : " See whether our weapon be not the more piercing !" He ended ; but with quivering stroke the point tears through the centre of the shield, with all its plates of iron, all its plates of brass, all the bull-hide's overlaying folds ; then pierces the corslet's barrier and the mighty breast. In vain he

<sup>1</sup> Hercules was son of Jupiter by Alcmene.

<sup>2</sup> cf. Homer, *Iliad*, XVI. 477 sq.

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ille rapit calidum frustra de volnere telum :  
una eademque via sanguis animusque sequuntur.  
corruit in volnus (sonitum super arma dedere)  
et terram hostilem moriens petit ore cruento.

quem Turnus super adsistens : 490

“ Arcades, haec,” inquit, “ memores mea dicta referte  
Euandro : qualem meruit, Pallanta remitto.  
quisquis honos tumuli, quidquid solamen humandi  
est,

largior : haud illi stabunt Aeneia parvo  
hospitia.” et laevo pressit pede talia fatus 495

exanimem, rapiens immania pondera baltei  
impressumque nefas : una sub nocte iugali

caesa manus iuvenum foede thalamique cruenti,  
quae Clonus Eurytides multo caelaverat auro ;

quo nunc Turnus ovat spolio gaudetque potitus. 500  
nescia mens hominum fati sortisque futurae  
et servare modum, rebus sublata secundis !

Turno tempus erit, magno cum optaverit emptum  
intactum Pallanta, et cum spolia ista diemque  
oderit. at socii multo gemitu lacrimisque 505

impositum scuto referunt Pallanta frequentes.  
o dolor atque decus magnum rediture parenti !

haec te prima dies bello dedit, haec eadem aufert,  
cum tamen ingentis Rutulorum linquis acervos ! MPR

Nec iam fama mali tanti, sed certior auctor 510  
advolat Aeneae, tenui discrimine leti  
esse suos, tempus versis succurrere Teucris.  
proxima quaeque metit gladio latumque per agmen

<sup>486</sup> pectore R : corpore γ<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>490</sup> sic ore profatur added by R.

<sup>512</sup> versis tempus P.

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<sup>1</sup> i.e. dead. Evander has earned or merited this affliction,  
by reason of his treason to Italy.

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plucks the warm dart from the wound ; by one and the same road follow blood and life. Prone he falls upon the wound, his armour clashes over him, and, dying, he smites the hostile earth with blood-stained mouth. Then standing over him, Turnus cries : “ Arcadians, give heed, and bear these my words back to Evander : even as he has merited,<sup>1</sup> I send him back Pallas ! Whatever honour a tomb gives, whatever solace a burial, I freely grant ; yet his welcome of Aeneas shall cost him dear.” So saying, with his left foot he trod upon the dead, tearing away the belt’s huge weight and the story of the crime thereon engraved<sup>2</sup>—the youthful band foully slain on one nuptial night, and the chambers drenched with blood—which Clonus, son of Eurytus, had richly chased in gold. Now Turnus exults in the spoil, and glories in the winning. O mind of man, knowing not fate or coming doom or how to keep bounds when uplifted with favouring fortune ! To Turnus shall come the hour when for a great price will he long to have bought an unscathed Pallas, and when he will abhor those spoils and that day. But with many moans and tears his friends throng round Pallas and bear him back laid upon his shield. O the great grief and yet great glory to thy father of that home-coming of thine ! This day first gave thee to war, this also takes thee hence ; yet vast are the piles thou leavest of Rutulian dead !

<sup>510</sup> And now not mere rumour of the bitter blow, but a surer messenger, flies to Aeneas—that his men are but a hair’s-breadth removed from death, that ‘tis time to succour the routed Teucrians. With the sword he mows down all the nearest ranks, and

\* The story of the murder of the sons of Aegyptus by the daughters of Danaus.

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ardens limitem agit ferro, te, Turne, superbum  
 caede nova quaerens. Pallas, Euander, in ipsis 515  
 omnia sunt oculis, mensae, quas advena primas  
 tunc adiit, dextraeque datae. Sulmone creatos  
 quattuor hic iuvenes, totidem quos educat Ufens,  
 viventis rapit, inferias quos immolet umbris  
 captivoque rogi perfundat sanguine flamas. 520  
 inde Mago procul infensam contenderat hastam.  
 ille astu subit—at tremibunda supervolat hasta—  
 et genua amplectens effatur talia supplex :  
 “ per patrios Manis et spes surgentis Iuli  
 te precor, hanc animam serves gnatoque patrique. 525  
 est domus alta, iacent penitus defossa talenta  
 caelati argenti, sunt auri pondera facti  
 infectique mihi. non hic victoria Teucrum  
 vertitur aut anima una dabit discrimina tanta.”  
 dixerat. Aeneas contra cui talia reddit : 530  
 “ argenti atque auri memoras quae multa talenta,  
 gnatis parce tuis. belli commercia Turnus  
 sustulit ista prior iam tum Pallante perempto.  
 hoc patris Anchisae Manes, hoc sentit Iulus.”  
 sic fatus galeam laeva tenet atque reflexa 535  
 cervice orantis capulo tenus applicat ensem.  
 nec procul Haemonides, Phoebi Triviaeque sacerdos,  
 infula cui sacra redimbat tempora vitta,  
 totus conlucens veste atque insignibus armis :  
 quem congressus agit campo, lapsumque superstans  
 immolat ingentique umbra tegit ; arma Serestus 541  
 lecta referunt ueris, tibi, rex Gradive, tropaeum.

Instaurant acies Volcani stirpe creatus  
 Caeculus et veniens Marsorum montibus Umbro.

<sup>521</sup> infestam *PRγ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>522</sup> at *PRM<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>* in *M<sup>1</sup>*: en *M<sup>2</sup>*: ac *M<sup>4</sup>γ<sup>2</sup>b*.

<sup>523</sup> et] in *M<sup>1</sup>*: en *M<sup>2</sup>*: et *M<sup>3</sup>*. <sup>524</sup> *surgentis*] heredis *P<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>525</sup> illa *M*.

<sup>526</sup> oranti *P<sup>1</sup>*. <sup>543</sup> *instaurat M<sup>1</sup>*.

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fiercely drives with the steel a broad path through the host, seeking thee, Turnus, still flushed with new-wrought slaughter. Pallas, Evander, all stands before his eyes—the board whereto he then came first, a stranger, and the right hands pledged. Then, four youths, sons of Sulmo, and as many reared by Ufens, he takes alive, to offer as victims to the dead and to sprinkle the funeral flame with captive blood. Next at Magus from afar he had aimed the hostile lance. Deftly he cowers—the lance flies quivering o'er him—and, clasping the hero's knees, he speaks thus in suppliance: "By the spirit of thy father, by thy hope in growing Iulus, I entreat thee, save this life for a son and for a sire. A stately house have I; buried deep within lie talents of chased silver, and mine are masses of gold, wrought and unwrought. Not on me turns the victory of Troy, nor will one life make difference so great." He spoke, and Aeneas thus replied: "Those many talents of silver and gold thou tellest of, spare for thy sons. Such trafficking in war Turnus first put away, even in the hour when Pallas was slain. Thus judges my father Anchises' spirit, thus Iulus." So speaking, he grasps the helmet with his left hand, and bending back the suppliant's neck, drives the sword up to the hilt. Hard by was Haemon's son, priest of Phoebus and Trivia, his temples wreathed in the fillet's sacred band, all glittering in his robe and in resplendent arms. Him he meets and drives over the plain; then, bestriding the fallen, slaughters him and wraps him in mighty darkness; his armour Serestus gathers and carries away on his shoulders, a trophy, King Gradivus, unto thee!

<sup>543</sup> Caeculus, born of Vulcan's race, and Umbro, who comes from the Marsian hills, repair the ranks.

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Dardanides contra furit. Anxuris ense sinistram 545  
 et totum clipei ferro deicerat orbem  
 (dixerat ille aliquid magnum vimque adfore verbo  
 crediderat, caeloque animum fortasse ferebat  
 canitiemque sibi et longos promiserat annos): MPRV  
 Tarquitus exsultans contra fulgentibus arnis, 550  
 silvicolae Fauno Dryope quem nympha crearat,  
 obvius ardenti sese obtulit. ille reducta  
 loricam clipeique ingens onus impedit hasta;  
 tum caput orantis nequiquam et multa parantis  
 dicere deturbat terrae truncumque tepentem 555  
 provolvens super haec inimico pectore fatur:  
 “istic nunc, metuende, iace. non te optima mater  
 condet humi patrioque onerabit. membra sepulchro:  
 alibus linquere feris aut gurgite mersum  
 unda feret piscesque impasti volnera lambent.” 560  
 protinus Antaeum et Lucam, prima agmina Turni,  
 persequitur fortemque Numam fulvumque Camertem,  
 magnanimo Volcente satum, ditissimus agri  
 qui fuit Ausonidum et tacitis regnavit Amyclis.  
 Aegaeon qualis, centum cui bracchia dicunt 565  
 centenasque manus, quinquaginta oribus ignem  
 pectoribusque arsisse, Iovis cum fulmina contra  
 tot paribus streperet clipeis, tot stringeret ensis:  
 sic toto Aeneas desaevit in aequore victor,  
 ut semel intepuit mucro. quin ecce Niphaei 570  
 quadriugis in equos adversaque pectora tendit.  
 atque illi longe gradientem et dira frementem  
 ut videre, metu versi retroque ruentes  
 effunduntque ducem rapiuntque ad litora currus.

<sup>568</sup> hunno *M<sup>2</sup>.* patriove *PR<sup>γ</sup>.*  
<sup>572</sup> et] ac *M<sup>1</sup>.* <sup>574</sup> currum *R.*

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Against them storms the Dardan. His sword had lopped off Anxur's left arm with all the circle of the shield—he had uttered some brave vaunt and thought his hand would match his word, and perchance lifted his soul heaven-high and promised himself hoary eld and length of years—when, in the pride of gleaming arms, Tarquitus, whom the Nymph Dryope had borne to silvan Faunus, crossed his fiery course. Drawing back his spear, he pins the corslet and the shield's huge burden together; then, as the youth vainly pleaded and is fain to say many a word, he dashes his head to the ground, and as he spurns the trunk, yet warm, above him speaks thus from pitiless heart: “Lie now there, thou terrible one! No loving mother shall lay thee in earth, nor load thy limbs with ancestral tomb. To birds of prey shalt thou be left; or, sunk beneath the flood, the wave shall bear thee on, and hungry fish shall suck thy wounds.” Next he o'ertakes Antaeus and Lucas, foremost of Turnus' ranks, and brave Numa, and tawny Camers, son of noble Volceens, who was wealthiest in the land of the Ausonians, and reigned over silent Amyclae. Even as Aegaeon, who, men say, had a hundred arms and a hundred hands, and flashed fire from fifty mouths and breasts, what time against Jove's thunders he clang'd with as many like shields, and bared as many swords;<sup>1</sup> so Aeneas o'er the whole plain gluts his victorious rage, when once his sword grew warm. Nay, see! he turns upon Niphaeus' four-horse car and his opposing front; and lo! when they mark his long strides and deadly rage, in terror they turn, and, rushing backward, fling forth their master and whirl the chariot to the shore.

<sup>1</sup> i.e. fifty shields, all alike, and fifty swords.

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Interea biiugis infert se Lucagus albis      MRP  
 in medios fraterque Liger ; sed frater habenis      576  
 flectit equos, strictum rotat acer Lucagus ensem.  
 haud tulit Aeneas tanto fervore furentis :  
 inruit adversaque ingens apparuit hasta.  
 cui Liger :      580  
 “ non Diomedis equos nec currum cernis Achilli  
 aut Phrygiae campos : nunc belli finis et aevi  
 his dabitur terris.” vesano talia late  
 dicta volant Ligeri. sed non et Troius heros  
 dicta parat contra, iaculum nam torquet in hostem. 585  
 Lucagus ut pronus pendens in verbera telo  
 admonuit biiugos, projecto dum pede laevo  
 aptat se pugnae, subit oras hasta per imas  
 fulgentis clipei, tum laevum perforat inguen ;  
 excussus curru moribundus volvitur arvis.      590  
 quem pius Aeneas dictis adfatur amaris :  
 “ Lucage, nulla tuos currus fuga segnis equorum  
 prodidit aut vanae vertere ex hostibus umbrae ;  
 ipse rotis saliens iuga deseris.” haec ita fatus  
 arripuit biiugos ; frater tendebat inertis      595  
 infelix palmas, curru delapsus eodem :  
 “ per te, per qui te talem genuere parentes,  
 vir Troiane, sine hanc animam et miserere precantis.”  
 pluribus oranti Aeneas : “ haud talia dudum  
 dicta dabas. morere et fratrem ne desere frater.” 600  
 tum latebras animae pectus mucrone recludit.  
 talia per campos edebat funera ductor  
 Dardanius, torrentis aquae vel turbinis atri  
 more furens. tandem erumpunt et castra relinquunt  
 Ascanius puer et neququam obsessa iuventus.      605

576 bigis  $P\gamma^1$ .      585 hostis  $P^1R$  : hostes  $P^2\gamma$ .  
 587 traiecto  $M$ .      588 aptet  $P\gamma^1$ .  
 594 deserit  $P^1$ .      595 inermis  $P^1\gamma^2$ .

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<sup>575</sup> Meanwhile, with their two white steeds, there dash into the midst Lucagus and Liger his brother ; but the brother guides the steeds with the reins, while Lucagus fiercely whirls his drawn sword. Their furious onset Aeneas could not brook, but rushed upon them, and towered gigantic with opposing spear. To him Liger : " Not Diomede's horses dost thou see, nor Achilles' car, nor Phrygia's plains ; this hour shall upon this soil end thy warfare and thy life." Such words fly abroad from mad Liger's lips. But not in words the Trojan hero shapes reply, for he hurls his javelin against the foe. Then, as Lucagus, bending forward to the stroke, urged on his steeds with the sword, even when, with left foot advanced, he gets ready for the fray, there comes the spear through the lowest rim of his gleaming shield, then pierces the left groin ; tumbling from the car, he rolls in death upon the plain, while good Aeneas bespeaks him with bitter words : " Lucagus, no coward flight of thy steeds has betrayed thy car ; no vain shadow of a foe has turned them back ; thyself, leaping from the wheels, forsakest thy beasts." So saying, he seized the steeds ; down-gliding from the self-same car, the brother piteously outstretched his helpless hands : " By thyself, by the parents who gave life to such a son, O hero of Troy, spare this life, and have pity on my prayer !" Longer had been his plea, but Aeneas : " Not such erewhile were thy words. Die, and let not brother forsake brother !" —then with the sword he cleft open the bosom, wherein is life's lurking-place. Such were the deaths the Dardan chieftain wrought o'er the plains, raging like torrent-brook or black tempest. At last the boy Ascanius and the vainly beleaguered warriors burst forth and leave the camp.

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Iunonem interea compellat Iuppiter ultro :  
“o germana mihi atque eadem gratissima coniunx,  
ut rebare, Venus (nec te sententia fallit)  
Troianas sustentat opes, non vivida bello  
dextra viris animusque ferox patiensque pericli.” 610  
cui Iuno submissa : “quid, o pulcherrime coniunx,  
sollicitas aegram et tua tristia iussa timentem ?  
si mihi, quae quandam fuerat quamque esse decebat,  
vis in amore foret, non hoc mihi namque negares,  
omnipotens, quin et pugnae subducere Turnum 615  
et Dauno possem incolumem servare parenti.  
nunc pereat Teucrisque pio det sanguine poenas.  
ille tamen nostra deducit origine nomen,  
Pilumnusque illi quartus pater, et tua larga  
saepe manu multisque oneravit limina donis.” 620

Cui rex aetherii breviter sic fatur Olympi :  
“si mora praesentis leti tempusque caduco  
oratur iuveni meque hoc ita ponere sentis,  
tolle fuga Turnum atque instantibus eripe fatis.  
hactenus indulsisse vacat. sin altior istis 625  
sub precibus venia ulla latet totumque moveri  
mutarive putas bellum, spes pascis inanis.”

Et Iuno adlacrimans: “quid, si, quae voce gravaris,  
mente dares atque haec Turno rata vita maneret?  
nunc manet insontem gravis exitus, aut ego veri 630  
vana feror. quod ut o potius formidine falsa  
ludar et in melius tua, qui potes, orsa reflectas!”

Haec ubi dicta dedit, caelo se protinus alto  
misit agens hiemem nimbo succincta per auras,

<sup>612</sup> iussa] dicta *P.Ry.*      <sup>617</sup> pio] suo known to *Servius.*  
<sup>618</sup> deducet *P.Y.*<sup>1</sup>.      <sup>621</sup> fatus *M.R.*      <sup>629</sup> data *R.*

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<sup>606</sup> Meanwhile Jupiter opens speech with Juno : “ O sister and dearest wife in one, 'tis Venus, as thou didst deem—nor errs thy judgment—that upholds the Trojan power, not their own right hands, quick for war, and their fierce souls, patient of peril.” To him Juno meekly : “ Why, my fairest lord, vexest thou a sick heart, that fears thy stern commands ? Had my love the force that once it had, and still should have, this boon surely thou wouldest not deny me, even the power to withdraw Turnus from the fray, and preserve him in safety for his father Daunus. But now let him perish and with innocent blood make atonement to the Trojans ! Yet from our lineage he derives his name, for Pilumnus was his sire four generations gone ; and oft has he heaped thy threshold with many a gift from a lavish hand.”

<sup>621</sup> To her the king of heavenly Olympus thus briefly spake : “ If thy prayer be for a respite from present death, and a reprieve for the doomed youth—if thou understandest that such is my will, take Turnus away in flight, and snatch him from impending fate. Thus far is there room for indulgence. But if thought of deeper favour lurks beneath thy prayers, and thou deemest that the war's whole course may be moved or altered, thou nursest an idle hope.”

<sup>628</sup> And Juno weeping : “ What if thy heart should grant what thy tongue begrudges, and this life I crave should remain assured to Turnus ? Now a heavy doom awaits him for no guilt, or I wander blind to truth. Yet, O that rather I were mocked by lying fears, and that thou, who canst, wouldest bend thy purposes to a better end ! ”

<sup>633</sup> These words said, straightway she through the air darted from high heaven, driving her storm-chariot cloud-engirdled ; and sought the army of

Iliacamque aciem et Laurentia castra petivit. 635  
 tum dea nube cava tenuem sine viribus umbram  
 in faciem Aeneae (visu mirabile monstrum)  
 Dardaniis ornat telis, clipeumque iubasque  
 divini adsimulat capit is, dat inania verba,  
 dat sine mente sonum gressusque effingit euntis; 640  
 morte obita qualis fama est volitare figur as  
 aut quae soplitos deludunt somnia sensus.  
 at primas laeta ante acies exsultat imago  
 inritatque virum telis et voce lassedit.  
 instat cui Turnus stridentemque eminus hastam 645  
 conicit; illa dato vertit vestigia tergo.  
 tum vero Aenean aversum ut cedere Turnus  
 credidit atque animo spem turbidus hausit inanem:  
 "quo fugis, Aenea? thalamos ne desere pactos;  
 hac dabitur dextra tellus quaesita per undas." 650  
 talia vociferans sequitur strictumque coruscat  
 mucronem, nec ferre videt sua gaudia ventos.

Forte ratis celsi coniuncta crepidine saxi  
 expositis stabat scalis et ponte parato,  
 qua rex Clusinis advectus Osinius oris. 655  
 huc sese trepida Aeneae fugientis imago  
 conicit in latebras, nec Turnus segnior instat  
 exsuperatque moras et pontis transilit altos.  
 vix proram attigerat: rumpit Saturnia funem  
 avolsamque rapit revoluta per aequora navem. 660  
 illum autem Aeneas absentem in proelia poscit;  
 obvia multa virum demittit corpora morti,  
 tum levis haud ultra latebras iam quaerit imago,

<sup>640</sup> gressum M.

<sup>656</sup> Aeneae trepida M.

<sup>659</sup> rupit R<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>660-665</sup> Ribbeck, following two Paris MSS., accepts the following order: 660, 663, 664, 661, 662, 665.

<sup>661</sup> ille PR<sup>y</sup>. Aenean P<sup>1</sup>R (ille autem Aenean known to Servius).

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Ilium and the camp of Laurentum. Then the goddess out of hollow mist fashions a thin, strengthless phantom in the likeness of Aeneas, a monstrous marvel to behold, decks it with Dardan weapons, and counterfeits the shield and plumes on his godlike head, gives it unreal words, gives a voice without thought, and mimicks his gait as he moves ; —even like shapes that flit, 'tis said, when death is past, or like dreams that mock the slumbering senses. But exultant, the phantom stalks before the foremost ranks, with weapons provokes the foe, and with cries defies him. On it rushes Turnus, and from afar hurls a hissing spear ; the phantom wheels round in flight. Then indeed, when Turnus deemed that Aeneas had turned and yielded, and with bewildered soul drank in the empty hope : "Whither," he cries, "dost flee, Aeneas ? Forsake not thy plighted bridal chamber ; this hand shall give thee the land thou hast sought overseas." With such clamour he follows, and brandishes his naked blade, nor sees that the winds bear away his triumph !

653 It chanced that, moored to the ledge of a lofty rock, with ladders let down and gangway ready, stood the ship, wherein king Osinius sailed from the coasts of Clusium. Hither the hurrying phantom of flying Aeneas flings himself to shelter ; nor with less speed Turnus follows, surmounts all hindrances, and springs across the lofty bridge. Scarce had he touched the prow when Saturn's daughter snaps the cable and sweeps the sundered ship over the ebbing waters. But meantime Aeneas is challenging his vanished foe to battle, and sends down to death many bodies of warriors who cross his path. Then the airy phantom seeks shelter no longer, but soaring

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sed sublime volans nubi se immiscuit atrae.  
cum Turnum medio interea fert aequore turbo. 665  
respicit ignarus rerum ingratusque salutis  
et duplicitis cum voce manus ad sidera tendit :  
“omnipotens genitor, tantum me crimine dignum  
duxisti et talis voluisti expendere poenas ?  
quo feror ? unde abii ? quae me fuga quemve reducit ?  
Laurentisne iterum muros aut castra videbo ? 671  
quid manus illa virum, qui me meaque arma secuti ?  
quosne (nefas) omnis infanda in morte reliqui  
et nunc palantis video gemitumque cadentum  
accipio ? quid ago ? aut quae iam satis ima dehiscat 675  
terra mihi ? vos o potius miserescite, venti ;  
in rupes, in saxa (volens vos Turnus adoro)  
ferte ratem saevisque vadis immittite syrtis,  
quo neque me Rutuli nec conscientia fama sequatur.”  
haec memorans animo nunc huc, nunc fluctuat illuc,  
an sese mucrone ob tantum dedecus amens 681  
induat et crudum per costas exigatensem,  
fluctibus an iaciat mediis et litora nando  
curva petat Teucrumque iterum se reddat in arma.  
ter conatus utramque viam, ter maxima Iuno 685  
continuit iuvenemque animi miserata repressit.  
labitur alta secans fluctuque aestuque secundo  
et patris antiquam Dauni defertur ad urbem.  
At Iovis interea monitis Mezentius ardens  
succedit pugnae Teucrosque invadit ovantis. 690  
concurrunt Tyrrhenae acies atque omnibus uni,

<sup>668</sup> tanto *Pγ.*      <sup>670</sup> abeo *P<sup>1</sup>.* quemve] quo *M*, in margin.  
<sup>672</sup> quosque *M<sup>1</sup>R*: quosve *M<sup>2</sup>Pγ*: quosne *b*, Asper (cited by Servius).

<sup>674</sup> pallentis *M<sup>1</sup>.*      <sup>675</sup> aut] et *M<sup>1</sup>.*      <sup>681</sup> mucroni *P<sup>1</sup>R.*

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aloft blends with a dark cloud, while meantime the gale is whirling Turnus o'er mid ocean. Unknowing of the truth and unthankful for escape, he looks back and raises his voice and clasped hands to heaven : “ Almighty Father ! hast thou deemed me worthy of reproach so great, and is it thy will that I pay such penalty ? Whither am I bound ? Whence am I come ? What flight bears me home, or in what guise ? Shall I look again on the camp or walls of Tarentum ? What of that warrior band, who followed me and my standard ? Whom, one and all—Oh ! the shame !—I have left in the jaws of a cruel death, and now I see them scattered and hear their groans as they fall. What shall I do ? What earth could now gape deep enough for me ? Nay, rather, O ye winds, be pitiful ! On rock, on reef drive the ship—from my heart I, Turnus, implore you—and cast it on some sandbank’s ruthless shoal, where neither Rutuli nor Rumour that knows my shame may follow ! ” So saying, he wavers in spirit this way and that, whether for disgrace so foul he should madly fling himself on his sword and drive the cruel steel through his ribs, or plunge amid the waves, and seek by swimming to gain the winding shore, and once more cast himself against the Trojan arms. Thrice he essayed either way ; thrice mighty Juno stayed his hand and held him back in pity of heart. On he glides, cleaving the deep, with wave and tide to speed him, and is borne home to his father Daunus’ ancient city.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>689</sup> But meanwhile at Jove’s behest fiery Mezentius takes up the battle and assails the triumphant Teucrians. The Tyrrhene ranks rush together, and press

<sup>1</sup> Ardea in Latium.

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uni odiisque viro telisque frequentibus instant.  
ille velut rupes, vastum quae prodit in aequor,  
obvia ventorum furiis expostaque ponto,  
vim cunctam atque minas perfert caelique marisque,  
ipsa immota manens, prolem Dolichaonis Hebrum 696  
sternit humi, cum quo Latagum Palmumque fugacem,  
sed Latagum saxo atque ingenti fragmine montis  
occupat os faciemque adversam, poplite Palmum  
succiso volvi segnem sinit, armaque Lauso 700  
donat habere umeris et vertice figere cristas.  
nec non Euanthen Phrygium Paridisque Mimanta  
aequalem comitemque, una quem nocte Theano  
in lucem genitori Amyco dedit et face praegnas  
Cisseis regina Parin : Paris urbe paterna 705  
occupat, ignarum Laurens habet ora Mimanta.  
ac velut ille canum morsu de montibus altis  
actus aper, multos Vesulus quem pinifer annos  
defendit multosque palus Laurentia, silva  
pastus harundinea, postquam inter retia ventum est,  
substitit infremuitque ferox et inhorruit armos, 711  
nec cuiquam irasci propiusve accedere virtus,  
sed iaculis tutisque procul clamoribus instant,  
haud aliter, iustae quibus est Mezentius irae,  
non ulli est animus stricto concurrere ferro ; 715  
missilibus longe et vasto clamore lacesunt.  
ille autem impavidus partis cunctatur in omnis,  
dentibus infrendens, et tergo decutit hastas.

Venerat antiquis Corythi de finibus Acron,  
Graius homo, infectos linquens profugus hymenaeos :

<sup>705</sup> Paris] creat *PRγ*: crepat *M<sup>1</sup>*: Paris conjectured by Bentley : regina creat : Paris Ellis.

<sup>706</sup> occupat *M<sup>1</sup>R*.      <sup>709</sup> -que] -ve *P*.

<sup>712</sup> -ve] -que *Pγ*.

<sup>717-718</sup> placed after 713 by Scaliger : so Ribbeck, Hirtzel.

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on him alone with all their hatred, on him alone with all their ceaseless darts. Even as a cliff that juts into the vast deep, exposed to the raving winds and braving the main, that endures all the stress, all the menace of sky and sea, itself fixed unshaken—so he lays low on earth Hebrus, son of Dolichaon, and with him Latagus and Palmus, swift of foot; but Latagus he smites of a sudden full in the mouth and face with a huge fragment of mountain-rock, while Palmus he hamstrings, and leaves him slowly writhing; his armour he gives Lausus to wear upon his shoulders, and his plumes to fix upon his crest. Evanthes too, the Phrygian, and Mimas, comrade of Paris and his peer in age, whom Theano bore to his sire Amycus the self-same night that Cisseus' royal daughter, pregnant with a firebrand,<sup>1</sup> gave birth to Paris: Paris sleeps in the city of his fathers; Mimas, unknown rests on the Laurentine shore. And lo! even as the boar, driven by sharp-toothed hounds from mountain-heights, whom pine-crowned Vesulus has sheltered for many years, or for many years the Laurentine marsh, pasturing him on thick-growing reeds, when once he is come amid the toils, halts, snorts savagely, and bristles up his shoulders, and none have courage to rage or come near him, but all at safe distance assail him with darts and shouts—even so, of all that had righteous hatred of Mezentius, none had heart to meet him with drawn sword; from afar they provoke him with missiles and far-echoing shouts. But he, undaunted, halts, turning on every side with gnashing teeth, and shakes the javelins from his shield.

<sup>719</sup> There had come from the ancient bounds of Corythus Aeron, a Greek, leaving in exile nuptials

<sup>1</sup> See vii. 319, 320, with note.

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hunc ubi miscentem longe media agmina vidit, 721  
 purpureum pinnis et pactae coniugis ostro,  
 impastus stabula alta leo ceu saepe peragrans,  
 (suadet enim vesana fames) si forte fugacem  
 conspexit capream aut surgentem in cornua cervum,  
 gaudet, hians immane, comasque arrexit et haeret 726  
 visceribus super incumbens, lavit improba taeter  
 ora cruar:  
 sic ruit in densos alacer Mezentius hostis.  
 sternitur infelix Acron et calcibus atram 730  
 tundit humum exspirans infractaque tela cruentat.  
 atque idem fugientem haud est dignatus Orodēn MPRV  
 sternere nec iacta caecum dare cuspide volnus;  
 obvius aduersoque occurrit seque viro vir  
 contulit, haud furto melior sed fortibus armis. 735  
 tum super abiectum posito pede nixus et hasta:  
 "pars belli haud temnenda, viri, iacet altus Orodēs."  
 conclamat socii laetum paeana secuti.  
 ille autem exspirans: "non me, quicumque es, inulto,  
 vīctor, nec longum laetabere; te quoque fata 740  
 prospectant paria atque eadem mox arva tenebis."  
 ad quem subridens mixta Mezentius ira:  
 "nunc morere. ast de me divum pater atque  
     hominum rex  
 viderit." hoc dicens eduxit corpore telum.  
 olli dura quies oculos et ferreus urget 745  
 somnus, in aeternam clauduntur lumina noctem.  
 Caedicus Alcathoum obtruncat, Sacrator Hydaspen,  
 Partheniumque Rapo et praedurum viribus Orsen,  
 Messapus Cloniumque Lycaoniumque Ericeten,  
 illum infrenis equi lapsu tellure iacentem, 750

<sup>727</sup> accumbens PR.

<sup>727</sup> viris b<sup>a</sup>c, known to Servius. altus] actus M.

<sup>742</sup> atquae V<sub>γ</sub>: atquaec P<sup>1</sup>: atqu P<sup>2</sup>: atque M<sup>1</sup>a: atquem M<sup>2</sup>a<sup>2</sup>c: ad quem Rb.

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unfulfilled. When Mezentius saw him afar, dealing havoc amid the ranks, gay in crimson plumes and the purple of his plighted bride, even as often an unfed lion, ranging the deep coverts, for maddening hunger prompts him, if haply he has spied a timorous roe or stately-antlered stag, exults with mouth terribly agape, uprears his mane, and clings crouching over the flesh, his cruel lips bathed in foul gore—so Mezentius springs lightly upon the massed foemen. Down goes hapless Acron, hammers the black ground with his heels as he breathes his last, and dyes with blood the broken spear. And the same arm deigned not to lay low Orodès as he fled, nor to deal with cast of spear a wound unseen; full face to face he ran to meet him and opposed him as man against man, prevailing not by stealth but by strength of arms. Then, planting his foot on the fallen foe and straining at his spear, “Ho men!” he cries, “low lies great Orodès—no mean portion of the war!” His comrades join their shouts, taking up the joyous cry of triumph. But he, breathing his last: “Not unavenged shall I be, O victor, whoe'er thou art, nor long shalt thou exult; for thee too a like doom keeps watch, and in these same fields thou soon shalt lie.” To this Mezentius, smiling amid his wrath: “Now die; but let the sire of gods and king of men see to me!” So saying, he drew the weapon from the hero's body; stern repose and iron slumber press upon his eyes, and their orbs close in everlasting night.

<sup>747</sup> Caedicus slaughters Alcathous, Sacrator Hydaspes, Rapo Parthenius, and Orses of wondrous strength; Messapus slays Clonius and Ericetes, Lycaon's son—the one, as he lay on the ground, fallen from his unbridled steed, the other as he came

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hunc peditem. pedes et Lycius processerat Agis;  
quem tamen haud expers Valerus virtutis avitae  
deicit; at Thronium Salius, Saliumque Nealces  
insignis iaculo et longe fallente sagitta.

Iam gravis aequabat luctus et mutua Mavors 755  
funera; caedebant pariter pariterque ruebant  
victores victique, neque his fuga nota neque illis.  
di Iovis in tectis iram miserantur inanem MPR  
amborum et tantos mortalibus esse labores:  
hinc Venus, hinc contra spectat Saturnia Iuno; 760  
pallida Tisiphone media inter milia saevit.  
at vero ingentem quatiens Mezentius hastam  
turbidus ingreditur campo. quam magnus Orion,  
cum pedes incedit medii per maxima Nerei  
stagna viam scindens, umero supereminet undas, 765  
aut summis referens annosam montibus ornum,  
ingrediturque solo et caput inter nubila condit:  
talis se vastis infert Mezentius armis.

Huic contra Aeneas, speculatus in agmine longo,  
obvius ire parat. manet imperterritus ille, 770  
hostem magnarium opperiens, et mole sua stat;  
atque oculis spatium emensus, quantum satis hastae:  
“dextra mihi deus et telum, quod missile libro,  
nunc adsint! voveo praedonis corpore raptis  
indutum spoliis ipsum te, Lause, tropaeum 775  
Aeneae.” dixit stridentemque eminus hastam  
iecit; at illa volans clipeo est excussa proculque  
egregium Antoren latus inter et ilia figit,

<sup>751</sup> peditem pedes. et so punctuated M. The other punctuation peditem. pedes et is a conjecture of Peerlkamp's.

<sup>754</sup> insignis  $M^1\alpha^2$ : insidiis  $M^2PRVb$ .

<sup>756</sup> cedebant  $PR\gamma$ , known to Servius.

<sup>763</sup> campum M. <sup>769</sup> huc  $P^1$ : hunc  $MP^2$ .

<sup>777</sup> init  $\gamma$ . at omitted by  $M^1\gamma$ .

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flank—Antores, comrade of Hercules, who, sent from Argos, had cloven to Evander, and settled in an Italian town. He falls, alas! by a wound meant for another, and gazes on the sky, and dying, dreams of his sweet Argos. Then good Aeneas casts a spear; through the hollow shield of threefold brass, through the linen folds, and inwoven work of triple bull-hides, it sped, and sank low in the groin, yet carried not home its strength. Quickly Aeneas, gladdened by the sight of the Tuscan's blood, snatches his sword from the thigh and presses hotly on his bewildered foe. Deeply Lausus groaned for love of his dear sire, when he saw the sight, and tears rolled down his face.

<sup>791</sup> And here death's cruel gloom and thy most glorious deeds—if so be that ancient days may win credence for such prowess—I in sooth will not leave unsung, nay, nor thyself, O youth, so worthy to be sung!

<sup>794</sup> The father, disabled and encumbered, was now giving ground with retreating steps, trailing from his buckler his foeman's lance. Forth dashed the youth and plunged into the fray; and even as Aeneas' hand rose to deal the blow, he caught up the hero's point and stayed him by this check. His comrades follow with loud cries, until the father, guarded by his son's shield, might withdraw; and showering their javelins beat back the foe with missiles from afar. Aeneas, infuriate, keeps himself under shelter. And as when at times storm-clouds pour down in showers of hail, every ploughman, every husbandman flees the fields, and the wayfarer cowers in safe stronghold, be it river's bank or vault of lofty rock, while the rain falls upon the lands, that so, when the sun returns, they may pursue the day's task:

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Aeneas nubem belli, dum detonet omnis,  
sustinet et Lausum increpitat Lausoque minatur : 810  
“ quo moriture ruis maioraque viribus audes?  
fallit te incautum pietas tua.” nec minus ille  
exultat demens, saevae iamque altius irae  
Dardanio surgunt ductori, extremaque Lauso  
Parcae fila legunt: validum namque exigit ensem 815  
per medium Aeneas iuvenem totumque recondit.  
transiit et parmam mucro, levia arma minacis,  
et tunicam, molli mater quam neverat auro,  
implevitque sinum sanguis; tum vita per auras  
concessit maesta ad Manis corpusque reliquit. 820  
at vero ut voltum vidit morientis et ora,  
ora modis Anchisiades pallentia miris,  
ingemuit miserans graviter dextramque tetendit  
et mentem patriae strinxit pietatis imago.  
“ quid tibi nunc, miserande puer, pro laudibus istis, 825  
quid pius Aeneas tanta dabit indole dignum?  
arma, quibus laetus, habe tua, teque parentum  
manibus et cineri, si qua est ea cura, remitto.  
hoc tamen infelix miseram solabere mortem:  
Aeneae magni dextra cadis.” increpat ultro 830  
cunctantis socios et terra sublevat ipsum,  
sanguine turpantem comptos de morte capillos.

Interea genitor Tiberini ad fluminis undam  
volnera siccabat lymphis corpusque levabat  
arboris ad clinis truncu. procul aerea ramis 835  
dependet galea et prato gravia arma quiescunt.

<sup>812</sup> falle te P: fallite R: fallete γ<sup>1</sup>. <sup>815</sup> fila] lina P.

<sup>819</sup> sinus M<sup>1</sup>. <sup>824</sup> strinxit M: subiit P: subit R.

<sup>824</sup> lavabat MPR.

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even thus, o'erwhelmed by javelins on all sides, Aeneas endures the war-cloud until all its thunder is spent, chiding Lausus the while, and threatening Lausus : " Whither rushest thou to thy death, with daring beyond thy strength ? Thy love betrays thee into rashness." Yet none the less the youth riots madly ; and now wrath rises higher in the Dardan leader's heart, and the Fates gather up Lausus' last threads ; for Aeneas drives the sword sheer through the youth's body, and buries it within to the hilt. The point pierced the targe—frail arms for one so threatening—and the tunic his mother had woven him of pliant gold ; blood filled his breast, then through the air the life fled sorrowing to the Shades, and left the body. But when Anchises' son saw the look on that dying face—that face so pale in wondrous wise—heavily he groaned in pity, and stretched forth his hand, as the likeness of his own filial love rose before his soul. " What now, unhappy boy, shall good Aeneas give thee for these thy glories ? What guerdon worthy of such a heart ? Keep for thine own the arms wherein thou didst delight ; and if such a care may touch thee, thyself I give back to the spirits and ashes of thy sires. Yet, hapless one ! this shall solace thee for thy sad death : 'tis by the hand of great Aeneas thou dost fall." Nay, he chides the laggard comrades and uplifts their chief from the earth, where he befouled with blood his seemly ordered locks.

<sup>833</sup> Meanwhile by the wave of the Tiber river, the father staunched his wounds with water, and rested his reclining frame against a tree's trunk. Hard by, his brazen helmet hangs from the boughs, and his heavy arms lie in peace on the meadow. Chosen

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stant lecti circum iuvenes : ipse aeger, anhelans  
 colla fovet, fusus propexam in pectore barbam ;  
 multa super Lauso rogitat multumque remittit,  
 qui revocent maestique ferant mandata parentis. 840  
 at Lausum socii exanimem super arma ferebant  
 flentes, ingentem atque ingenti volnere victum.  
 adgnovit longe gemitum praesaga mali mens ;  
 canitiem multo deformat pulvere et ambas  
 ad caelum tendit palmas et corpore inhaeret. 845  
 "tantane me tenuit vivendi, nate, voluptas,  
 ut pro me hostili paterer succedere dextrae,  
 quem genui? tuane haec genitor per volnera servor,  
 morte tua vivens ? heu, nunc misero mihi demum  
 exitium infelix, nunc alte volnus adactum ! 850  
 idem ego, nate, tuum maculavi crimine nomen,  
 pulsus ob invidiam solio sceptrisque paternis.  
 debueram patriae poenas odiisque meorum :  
 omnis per mortis animam sontem ipse dedissem.  
 nunc vivo neque adhuc homines lucemque relinquo.  
 sed linquam." simul hoc dicens attollit in aegrum 855  
 se femur et, quamquam vis alto volnere tardat,  
 haud deiectus equum duci iubet. hoc decus illi,  
 hoc solamen erat, bellis hoc vitor abibat  
 omnibus. adloquitur maerentem et talibus infit : 860  
 "Rhoebe, diu, res si qua diu mortalibus ulla est,  
 viximus. aut hodie vitor spolia illa cruenta  
 et caput Aeneae referes Lausique dolorum  
 ultor eris tecum, aut aperit si nulla viam vis,  
 occumbes pariter : neque enim, fortissime, credo, 865  
 iussa aliena pati et dominos dignabere Teucros."

<sup>838</sup> corpore *Pγ*.

<sup>839</sup> multum] multom *P<sup>1</sup>*: multos  $\gamma^2bc^2$ .

<sup>844</sup> multo] immundo *M<sup>2</sup>*. <sup>850</sup> exilium  $\gamma^1a^1$ , *Servius*.

<sup>857</sup> quamquam vis] quamvis *P<sup>2</sup>*. tardet  $M^2P^2\gamma^1bc$ .

<sup>862</sup> cruenti *P<sup>1</sup>*, known to *Servius*. <sup>863</sup> dolorem *P*.

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men stand round ; he himself, sick and panting, eased his neck, while over his chest streams his flowing beard. Many a time he asks for Lausus, and many a time he sends messengers to recall him, and convey the charge of his grieving sire. But Lausus his weeping comrades were bearing lifeless on his armour—a mighty one and laid low by a mighty wound. The ill-boding heart knew their wail afar. His hoary hair he defiles with a shower of dust, spreads both hands to heaven, and clasps his arms about the corpse : “ My son ! and did such joy of life possess me, that in my stead I suffered thee to meet the foeman’s sword—thee, whom I begat ? Am I, thy father, saved by these wounds of thine, and living by thy death ? Ah me ! now at last is come to me, alas ! the bitterness of death ; now is my wound driven deep ! Yea, and I, my son, stained thy name with guilt—I, driven in loathing from the throne and sceptre of my fathers. Long have I owed my punishment to my country and my people’s hate ; by any form of death should I myself have yielded up my guilty life. Now I live on, and leave not yet daylight and mankind ; but leave I will.” And with the word he raises himself on his stricken thigh, and though his force flags by reason of the deep wound, yet, undismayed, he bids his horse he brought. This was his pride, this his solace ; on this he passed victorious from every battle. He addresses the grieving beast and accosts it thus : “ Rhoebus, long have we lived, if to mortal beings aught be long. To-day thou shalt either bear off in victory yonder bloody spoils with the head of Aeneas, and avenge with me the sufferings of Lausus, or, if no force opens a way, thou shalt die with me ; for thou, gallant steed, wilt not deign, methinks, to brook a stranger’s bidding

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dixit et exceptus tergo consueta locavit  
membra manusque ambas iaculis oneravit acutis,  
aere caput fulgens cristaque hirsutus equina.  
sic cursum in medios rapidus dedit. aestuat ingens 870  
uno in corde pudor mixtoque insania luctu.  
Atque hic Aenean magna ter voce vocavit. 873  
Aeneas adgnovit enim laetusque precatur :  
“sic pater ille deum faciat, sic altus Apollo ! 875  
incipias conferre manum.”  
tantum effatus, et infesta subit obvius hasta.  
ille autem : “quid me erepto, saevissime, nato  
terres ? haec via sola fuit, qua perdere posses.  
nec mortem horremus nec divum parcimus ulli. 880  
desine : nam venio moriturus et haec tibi porto  
donā prius.” dixit telumique intorsit in hostem.  
inde aliud super atque aliud figitque volatque  
ingenti gyro, sed sustinet aureus umbo.  
ter circum adstantem laevos equitavit in orbis, 885  
tela manu iaciens, ter secum Troius heros  
immaniem aerato circumfert tegmine silvam.  
inde ubi tot traxisse moras, tot spicula taedet  
vellere et urgetur pugna congressus iniqua,  
multa movens animo iam tandem erumpit et inter 890  
bellatoris equi cava tempora conicit hastam.  
tollit se arrectum quadrupes et calcibus auras  
verberat effusumque equitem super ipse secutus  
implicat electoque incumbit cernuus armo.  
clamore incendunt caelum Troesque Latinique. 895  
advolat Aeneas vaginaque eripitensem

<sup>872</sup> = XII. 668, omitted by MPR $\gamma^1 a^1 b$ .

<sup>883</sup> fugitque  $M^1 P^1 c^1$ . <sup>884</sup> aereus MP.

<sup>887</sup> agmine  $\gamma^2$ .

<sup>894</sup> cernulus  $P^2 R \gamma^1$ .

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and a Trojan lord!" He spoke, and, mounting the beast, settled his limbs as was his wont, and charged either hand with sharp javelins, his head glittering with brass and bristling with horse-hair plume. Thus he swiftly dashed into the midst. In that single heart surges a vast tide of shame and madness mingled with grief.

<sup>873</sup> And now thrice in loud tones he called Aeneas. Yea, and Aeneas knew the call, and offers joyful prayer: "So may the great father of the gods grant it, so Apollo on high! Mayest thou begin the combat!" So much said, he moves on to meet him with levelled spear. But he: "Why seek to affright me, fierce foe, now my son is taken? This was the one way whereby thou couldst destroy me. We shrink not from death, nor heed we any of the gods. Cease; for I come to die, first bringing thee these gifts." He spoke, and hurled a javelin at his foe; then plants another and yet another, wheeling in wide circle; but the boss of gold withstands all. Thrice round his watchful foe he rode, turning to the left and launching darts from his hand; thrice the Trojan hero bears round with him the vast forest of spears upon his brazen shield. Then, weary of prolonging so many delays, of plucking out so many darts, and hard pressed in the unequal fray, at last with much pondering in heart, he springs forth and hurls his lance full between the war-horse's hollow temples. The steed rears up, lashes the air with its feet, then throws the rider and itself coming down above, entangles him; then falls over him in headlong plunge, and with shoulder out of joint. With their cries Trojans and Latins set heaven afame. Up flies Aeneas, plucks his sword from the scabbard, and

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et super haec : “ ubi nunc Mezentius acer et illa  
effera vis animi ? ” contra Tyrrhenus, ut auras  
suspiciens hausit caelum mentemque recepit :  
“ hostis amare, quid increpitas mortemque minaris ?  
nullum in caede nefas, nec sic ad proelia veni, 901  
nec tecum meus haec pepigit mihi foedera Lausus.  
unum hoc per si qua est victis venia hostibus oro :  
corpus humo patiare tegi. scio acerba meorum  
circumstare odia : hunc, oro, defende fureorem 905  
et me consortem nati concede sepulchro.”  
haec loquitur iuguloque haud inscius accipit ensem  
undantique animam diffundit in arma cruento.

<sup>898</sup> ut] et  $M^2P^2R^1\gamma^1$ .

<sup>908</sup> anima  $P^1$ . defundit  $R\gamma^1$ . cruento  $MP^1$ .

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thus above him cries : “ Where now is bold Mezen-tius, and that wild fierceness of soul ? ” To him the Tuscan, as with eyes upturned to the air he drank in the heaven and regained his sense : “ Bitter foe, why thy taunts and threats of death ? No sin is there in slaying me ; not on such terms came I to battle, nor is such the pact my Lausus pledged between me and thee. This alone I ask, by whatsoever grace a vanquished foe may claim : suffer my body to be laid in earth. I know that my people’s fierce hatred besets me. Guard me, I pray, from their fury, and grant me fellowship with my son within the tomb.” So speaks he, and, unfaltering, welcomes the sword to his throat, and pours forth his life over his armour in streams of blood.

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OCEANUM interea surgens Aurora reliquit : MPR  
Aeneas, quamquam et sociis dare tempus humandis  
praecipitant curae turbataque funere mens est,  
vota deum primo vitor solvebat Eoo.

ingentem quercum decisus undique ramis 5  
constituit tumulo fulgentiaque induit arna,  
Mezenti ducis exuvias, tibi, magne, tropaeum,  
bellipotens ; aptat rorantis sanguine cristas  
telaque truncus viri, et bis sex thoraca petatum  
perfossumque locis, clipeumque ex aere sinistram 10  
subligat atque ensem collo suspendit eburnum.  
tum socios (namque omnis eum stipata tegebat  
turba ducum) sic incipiens hortatur ovantis :

“ Maxima res effecta, viri ; timor omnis abesto,  
quod superest ; haec sunt spolia et de rege superbo 15  
primitiae manibusque meis Mezentius hic est.  
nunc iter ad regem nobis murosque Latinos.  
arma parate animis et spe praesumite bellum,  
ne qua mora ignaros, ubi primum vellere signa  
adnuerint superi pubemque educere castris, 20

<sup>18</sup> Servius notes that animis may be taken with either the words preceding or those following. M punctuates after animis.

<sup>1</sup> Aeneas has two duties to perform, to bury the dead and to pay his vow. The latter he attends to first, according to 234

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MEANWHILE dawn rose and left the ocean. Aeneas, though his sorrows urge to give time for his comrades' burial, and death has bewildered his soul, yet as the Day-star rose, began to pay the gods his vows of victory.<sup>1</sup> A mighty oak, its branches lopped all about, he plants on a mound, and arrays in the gleaming arms stripped from Mezentius the chief, a trophy to thee, thou Lord of War.<sup>2</sup> Thereto he fastens the crests dripping with blood, the soldier's broken darts, and the breastplate smitten and pierced twice six times; to the left hand he binds the brazen shield, and from the neck hangs the ivory sword. Then his triumphant comrades—for the whole band of chieftains thronged close about him—he thus begins to exhort:

<sup>14</sup> "Mighty deeds have we wrought, my men; for what remains, away with all fear! These are the spoils and firstfruits of a haughty king; and here is Mezentius, as fashioned by my hands. Now lies our march to Latium's king and walls. Prepare your weapons with courage and with your hopes anticipate the war; so that, soon as the gods above grant us to pluck hence our standards, and from the camp to lead

Roman ritual; his inclination would have led him to bury his comrades first.

<sup>2</sup> In the trophy here described, the tree-trunk doubtless represents the body of the vanquished foe.

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impedit segnisve metu sententia tardet.  
 interea socios inhumataque corpora terrae  
 mandemus, qui solus honos Acheronte sub imo est.  
 ite," ait, "egregias animas, quae sanguine nobis  
 hanc patriam peperere suo, decorate supremis  
 muneribus maestamque Euandri primus ad urbem  
 mittatur Pallas, quem non virtutis egentem  
 abstulit atra dies et funere mersit acerbo."  
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Sic ait inlacrimans recipitque ad limina gressum,  
 corpus ubi exanimi positum Pallantis Acoetes  
 servabat senior, qui Parrhasio Euandro  
 armiger ante fuit, sed non felicibus aequem  
 tum comes auspiciis caro datus ibat alumno.  
 circum omnis famulumque manus Troianaque turba  
 et maestum Iliades crinem de more solutae.  
 ut vero Aeneas foribus sese intulit altis,  
 ingentem gemitum tunsis ad sidera tollunt  
 pectoribus maestoque immugit regia luctu.  
 ipse caput nivei fultum Pallantis et ora  
 ut vidit levique patens in pectore volnus  
 cuspidis Ausoniae, lacrimis ita fatur obortis:  
 "tene," inquit, "miserande puer, cum laeta veniret,  
 invidit Fortuna mihi, ne regna videres  
 nostra neque ad sedes victor veherere paternas?  
 non haec Euandro de te promissa parenti  
 discedens dederam, cum me complexus euntem  
 mitteret in magnum imperium metuensque moneret  
 acris esse viros, cum dura proelia gente.  
 et nunc ille quidem spe multum captus inani  
 fors et vota facit cumulatque altaria donis;  
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<sup>21</sup> -ve *M<sup>1</sup>R*: -que *M<sup>2</sup>P<sub>7</sub>*.

<sup>24</sup> qui *Macrobius*.

<sup>23</sup> est omitted in *PR.*

<sup>28</sup> = vi. 429

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forth the host, no delay may impede us unawares or faltering purpose retard us through fear. Meanwhile let us commit to earth the unburied bodies of our comrades—sole honour theirs in nether Acheron. Go," he said, "grace with the last rites those noble souls, who with their blood have won for us this our country; and first let Pallas be sent to Evander's mourning city, he whom, lacking naught of valour, the black day swept off and plunged in bitter death."

<sup>29</sup> So he speaks weeping, and retraces his steps to the threshold, where Pallas' lifeless body was laid, watched by old Acoetes, who erstwhile was armour-bearer to Parrhasian Evander, but now with less happy auspices went as appointed guardian to his loved foster-child. Around stood all the attendant train and Trojan throng, with the Ilian women, their hair unloosed for mourning in wonted wise. But when Aeneas entered the lofty portal, they smote their breasts and raised a mighty wail to the stars, and the royal dwelling rang with their sorrowful lamentation. He, when he saw the pillow'd head and face of Pallas, snowy-white, and, on his smooth breast, the gaping wound from Ausonian spear, thus speaks, amid upwelling tears: "Was it thou, unhappy boy, that Fortune grudged me in her happy hour, that thou mightest not look upon my realm, nor ride triumphant to thy father's home? Not such the parting promise touching thee I gave thy sire Evander, when he embraced me as I went, and sent me forth to win great empire, yet warned me in fear that valiant were the men and hardy the race we confronted. And now he, much beguiled by idle hope, perchance is offering vows and heaping the

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nos iuvenem exanimum et nil iam caelestibus ullis  
debentem vano maesti comitamur honore.  
infelix, nati funus crudele videbis !  
hi nostri reditus exspectatique triumphi ?  
haec mea magna fides ? at non, Euandre, pudendis 55  
volneribus pulsum aspicies, nec sospite dirum  
optabis nato funus pater. ei mihi, quantum  
praesidium Ausonia et quantum tu perdis, Iule ! ”

Haec ubi deflevit, tolli miserabile corpus  
imperat, et toto lectos ex agmine mittit 60  
mille viros, qui supremum comitentur honorem  
intersintque patris lacrimis, solacia luctus  
exigua ingentis, misero sed debita patri.  
haud segnes alii cratis et molle feretrum  
arbuteis texunt virgis et vimine querno 65  
exstructosque toros obtentu frondis inumbrant.  
hic iuvenem agresti sublimem stramine ponunt,  
qualem virgineo demessum pollice florem  
seu mollis violae seu languentis hyacinthi,  
cui neque fulgor adhuc nec dum sua forma recessit ; 70  
non iam mater alit tellus virisque ministrat.  
tum geminas vestis auroque ostroque rigentis  
extulit Aeneas, quas illi laeta laborum  
ipsa suis quondam manibus Sidonia Dido  
fecerat et tenui telas discreverat auro. 75  
harum unam iuveni supremum maestus honorem  
induit arsurasque comas obnubit amictu,  
multaque praeterea Laurentis praemia pugnae  
aggerat et longo praedam iubet ordine duci ;

<sup>60</sup> ordine *Pl.*

<sup>75</sup> = iv. 264.

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altars high with gifts; we, in sorrow, attend with bootless rites the lifeless son, who no more owes aught to any gods of heaven. Unhappy! thou wilt behold the bitter funeral of thy son! Is this our return, our awaited triumph? Is this my sure pledge? Yet shall not thine eyes, Evander, look on one routed with shameful wounds nor shalt thou, his father, pray for a death accursed, because thy son is saved.<sup>1</sup> Ah me! how great a protection is lost to thee, Ausonia, how great to thee, Iulus!"

<sup>59</sup> His lamentation ended, he bids them raise the piteous corpse, and sends a thousand men chosen from his whole host to attend the last rite and share the father's tears—scant solace for grief so vast, but due to a father's sorrow. Others in haste plait the wicker-frame of a soft bier with arbute shoots and oaken twigs, and shroud the high-piled couch with leafy canopy. Here they lay the youth aloft on his rustic bed, like to a flower culled by maiden's finger, be it of tender violet or drooping hyacinth, whose sheen and native grace not yet have faded, but no more does its mother earth give strength and nurture. Then Aeneas brought forth two robes, stiff with gold and purple, which Sidonian Dido, delighting in the toil, had once herself with her own hands wrought for him, interweaving the web with threads of gold. Of these he sadly drapes one round the youth as a last honour, and in its covering veils those locks the fire shall claim; withal heaps up many a prize from the Laurentine fray,<sup>2</sup> and bids the spoils be borne in

<sup>1</sup> The son's dishonour would make an otherwise dreaded death welcome to the father. Some think that it is the son's death for which the father is supposed to pray.

<sup>2</sup> Laurentum was the capital of the Latian forces led by Turnus.

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addit equos et tela, quibus spoliaverat hostem. 80  
 vinixerat et post terga manus, quos mitteret umbris  
 inferias, caeso sparsurus sanguine flamas,  
 indutosque iubet truncos hostilibus armis  
 ipsos ferre duces inimicaque nomina figi.  
 ducitur infelix aevo confectus Acoetes, 85  
 pectora nunc foedans pugnis, nunc unguibus ora,  
 sternitur et toto proiectus corpore terrae.  
 ducunt et Rutulo perfusos sanguine currus.  
 post bellator equus positis insignibus Aethon  
 it lacrimans guttisque umectat grandibus ora. 90  
 hastam alii galeamque ferunt; nam cetera Turnus  
 victor habet. tum maesta phalanx Teucrique  
 sequuntur

Tyrrhenique omnes et versis Arcades armis.  
 postquam omnis longe comitum praecesserat ordo,  
 substitit Aeneas gemituque haec addidit alto: 95  
 "nos alias hinc ad lacrimas eadem horrida belli  
 fata vocant: salve aeternum mihi, maxime Palla,  
 aeternumque vale." nec plura effatus ad altos  
 tendebat muros gressumque in castra ferebat.

Iamque oratores aderant ex urbe Latina, 100  
 velati ramis oleae veniamque rogantes:  
 corpora, per campos ferro quae fusa iacebant,  
 redderet ac tumulo sineret succedere terrae;  
 nullum cum victis certamen et aethere cassis;  
 parceret hospitibus quondam socerisque vocatis. 105  
 quos bonus Aeneas haud aspernanda precantis

<sup>82</sup> sparsuros  $a^2bc.$  flammam  $R\gamma.$

<sup>83</sup> omnes] duces  $R,$  *Servius.*

<sup>85</sup> edidit  $M^2R.$

<sup>84</sup> processerat  $\gamma^2.$

<sup>101</sup> precantes  $R,$  *Servius.*

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long train ; then adds the steeds and arms of which he had stripped the foe. The victims' hands he had bound behind their backs, even to send them as offerings to the Shades, sprinkling the flames with the blood of the slain. He bids the chiefs themselves bear tree-trunks clad in hostile arms, with foemen's names affixed. Hapless Acoetes, outworn with years, is led along, marring now his breast with clenched fists, now his face with nails, and anon he flings his whole frame prone upon the earth. Cars likewise they lead, bespattered with Rutulian blood. Behind, the war-steed Aethon, his trappings laid aside, goes weeping, and big drops wet his face.<sup>1</sup> Others carry the spear and helmet : for all else Turnus, as victor, holds. Then follows a mournful host—the Teucrians, and all the Tuscans and the Arcadians with arms reversed. When all the retinue of his comrades had advanced far ahead, Aeneas halted, and with deep sigh spake this word more : “ Me the same grim destiny of war summons hence to other tears : hail thou for evermore, noblest Pallas, and for evermore farewell ! ” And without further words he turned to the lofty walls and bent his steps towards the camp.

<sup>100</sup> And now came envoys from the Latin city, o'er-shaded with olive boughs and craving grace ; the bodies that lay strewn by the sword o'er the plain they prayed him to restore and suffer to rest beneath an earthen mound. No war, they plead, is waged with vanquished men, bereft of air of heaven ; let him spare men once called hosts, and fathers of their brides !<sup>2</sup> To them good Aeneas courteously grants

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Iliad*, xvii. 426 ff., where the horses of Achilles weep.

<sup>2</sup> Latinus had promised his daughter to Aeneas, and perhaps similar alliances were arranged.

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prosequitur venia et verbis haec insuper addit :  
 “quaenam vos tanto fortuna indigna, Latini,  
 implicuit bello, qui nos fugiatis amicos ?  
 pacem me exanimis et Martis sorte peremptis      110  
 oratis ? equidem et vivis concedere vellem.  
 nec veni, nisi fata locum sedemque dedissent,  
 nec bellum cum gente gero : rex nostra reliquit  
 hospitia et Turni potius se credidit armis.  
 aeque huic Turnum fuerat se opponere morti.      115  
 si bellum finire manu, si pellere Teucros  
 apparat, his mecum decuit concurrere telis ;  
 vixet, cui vitam deus aut sua dextra dedisset.  
 nunc ite et miseris supponite civibus ignem.”  
 dixerat Aeneas. illi obstipuere silentes      120  
 conversique oculos inter se atque ora tenebant.  
 Tum senior semperque odiis et crimine Drances  
 infensus iuveni Turno sic ore vicissim  
 orsa refert : “o fama ingens, ingentior armis,  
 vir Troiane, quibus caelo te laudibus aequem ?      125  
 iustitiaene prius mirer belline laborum ?  
 nos vero haec patriam grati referemus ad urbem  
 et te, si qua viam dederit Fortuna, Latino  
 iungemus regi. quaerat sibi foedera Turnus.  
 quin et fatalis murorum attollere moles      130  
 saxaque subvectare umeris Troiana iuvabit.”  
 dixerat haec, unoque omnes eadem ore fremebant.  
 bis senos pepigere dies et pace sequestra  
 per silvas Teueri mixtique impune Latini  
 erravere iugis. ferro sonat alta bipenni      135  
 fraxinus, evertunt actas ad sidera pinos,

<sup>118</sup> sua] cui *P.*

<sup>126</sup> iustitiane *MR*, both readings known to *Priscian* and *Servius*. laborem *Ry<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>131</sup> subiectare *P<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>134</sup> silvam *M.*

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the prayer he could not spurn, and adds these words besides : " What spiteful chance, ye Latins, has entangled you in so terrible a war, that ye fly from us your friends ? Do ye ask me peace for the dead slain by the lot of battle ? Gladly would I grant it to the living too. Nor had I come, had not fate assigned me here a place and home, nor wage I war with your people : it is your king who forsook our alliance and preferred to trust himself to Turnus' sword. Fairer it had been for Turnus to face this death. If he seeks to end the war by the strong hand, if he seeks to drive out the Trojans, with me he should have contended with these weapons : that one of us should have lived, to whom heaven or his own right hand had granted life. Now go, and kindle the fire beneath your hapless countrymen." Aeneas ceased : they stood dumb in silence, and kept their eyes and faces turned on one another.

<sup>122</sup> Then aged Drances, ever the foe of youthful Turnus in hate and calumny, thus speaks in reply : " O great in glory, greater in arms, thou hero of Troy, how with my praises may I extol thee to the sky ? Am I to marvel first at thy justice or at thy toils in war ? We indeed will gratefully bear these words back to our native city, and, if fortune grant a way, will unite thee with Latinus our king. Let Turnus seek alliances for himself ! Nay, it will be our delight to rear those massive walls thy destiny ordains, and on our shoulders to bear the stones of Troy." He ceased, and all with one voice murmured assent. For twice six days they made truce, and, with peace interposing, Teucrians and Latins o'er the forest heights roamed scatheless together. The lofty ash rings under the two-edged axe ; they lay low

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robora nec cuneis et olen tem scindere cedrum  
nec plaustris cessant vectare gementibus ornos.

Et iam Fama volans, tanti prae nuntia luctus,  
Euandrum Euandrique domos et moenia replet, 140  
quae modo victorem Latio Pallanta ferebat.

Arcades ad portas ruere et de more vetusto  
funereas rapuere faces ; lucet via longo  
ordine flammorum et late discriminat agros.

contra turba Phrygum veniens plangentia iungit 145  
agmina. quae postquam matres succedere tectis  
viderunt, maestam incendunt clamoribus urbem.

at non Euandrum potis est vis ulla tenere,  
sed venit in medios. feretro Pallante reposto  
procubuit super atque haeret lacrimansque

150  
gemensque,

et via vix tandem voci laxata dolore est :

“ non haec, o Palla, dederas promissa parenti,  
cautius ut saevo velles te credere Marti.

haud ignarus eram, quantum nova gloria in armis  
et praedulce decus primo certamine posset. 155

primitiae iuvenis miserae bellique propinqui

dura rudimenta et nulli exaudita deorum

vota precesque meae ! tuque, o sanctissima coniunx,  
felix morte tua neque in hunc servata dolorem !

contra ego vivendo vici mea fata, superstes 160

restarem ut genitor. Troum socia arma secutum

obruerent Rutuli telis ! animam ipse dedissem

atque haec pompa domum me, non Pallanta referret !  
nec vos arguerim, Teucri, nec foedera nec quas

<sup>140</sup> compleat *M<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>145</sup> iungunt *M*.

<sup>149</sup> Pallanta *M<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>151</sup> vocis *P<sub>γ</sub>*: voces *M<sup>1</sup>*: voci *M<sup>2</sup>R*.

<sup>152</sup> Some place a period after parenti: petenti known to Servius.

<sup>164</sup> arguerem *R*.

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star-towering pines, and ceaselessly their wedges cleave oak and fragrant cedar, and groaning wains convey the mountain-ash.

<sup>139</sup> And now winged Fame, harbinger of that heavy grief, fills Evander's ears, Evander's house and city—Fame, that but now proclaimed Pallas victorious in Latium. The Arcadians streamed to the gates, and after their ancient wont, seized funeral torches; the road gleams with the long line of flame, and parts the fields afar.<sup>1</sup> The Phrygian band, moving to meet them, joins the wailing throng. Soon as the matrons saw them draw near their homes, their shrieks set the mourning city ablaze. But no force can withhold Evander; he rushes into the midst, and, when the bier is set down, casts himself upon Pallas, and clings to him weeping and moaning, and scarce from sorrow at the last does his speech find open way: “Not such, O Pallas, was the promise thou hadst given thy sire, that thou wouldest seek more warily to entrust thyself to cruel Mars! Well knew I how strong was the fresh glory of arms and the oversweet pride of battle’s first day! O bitter firstfruits of thy youth! O cruel schooling in close-neighbouring war! O vows, O prayers of mine, to which no god gave ear! And thou, my blessed spouse,<sup>2</sup> happy in thy death, and spared not for this grief! But I, living on, have overcome my destiny, only to linger thus—thy father! Would I had followed Troy’s allied arms, to be overwhelmed by Rutulian darts! Would I had given my own life, and this funeral-pomp were bringing me—not Pallas—home! Yet I would not blame you, ye Trojans, nor our covenant, nor the

<sup>1</sup> The line of light, stretching across the fields at night divides them like a roadway.

<sup>2</sup> Like *sanc*t*e parens*, *Aen.* v. 80.

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iunximus hospitio dextras : sors ista senectae 165  
 debita erat nostrae. quod si immatura manebat  
 mors gnatum, caesis Volscorum milibus ante  
 ducentem in Latium Teucros cecidisse iuvabit.  
 quin ego non alio digner te funere, Palla,  
 quam pius Aeneas et quam magni Phryges et quam 170  
 Tyrrhenique duces, Tyrrhenum exercitus omnis.  
 magna tropaea ferunt, quos dat tua dextera Leto ;  
 tu quoque nunc stares immanis truncus in armis,  
 esset par aetas et idem si robur ab annis,  
 Turne. sed infelix Teucros quid demoror armis ? 175  
 vadite et haec memores regi mandata referte :  
 quod vitam moror invisam, Pallante perempto,  
 dextera causa tua est, Turnum gnatoque patrique  
 quam debere vides. meritis vacat hic tibi solus  
 fortunaeque locus. non vitae gaudia quaero 180  
 (nec fas), sed gnato Manis perferre sub imos."

Aurora interea miseris mortalibus almam  
 extulerat lucem, referens opera atque labores :  
 iam pater Aeneas, iam curvo in litore Tarchon  
 constituere pyras. huc corpora quisque suorum 185  
 more tulere patrum, subiectisque ignibus atris  
 conditur in tenebras altum caligine caelum.  
 ter circum accensos cincti fulgentibus armis  
 decurrere rogos, ter maestum funeris ignem  
 lustravere in equis ululatusque ore dedere. 190  
 spargitur et tellus lacrimis, sparguntur et arma.  
 it caelo clamorque virum clangorque tubarum.  
 hic alii spolia occisis derepta Latinis  
 coniciunt igni, galeas ensisque decoros

<sup>168</sup> iuvaret *M* : iuvare *R*.<sup>172</sup> ferant *R*<sup>γ1</sup>.<sup>176</sup> audite *R*.<sup>188</sup> cuncti *R*.

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hands we clasped in friendship : this lot was due to my gray hairs. But if untimely death awaited my son, it shall be my joy that, after slaying his Volscian thousands, he fell leading the Trojans into Latium ! Nay, Pallas, I myself could deem thee worthy of no other death than good Aeneas does, than the mighty Phrygians, than the Tyrrhene captains, and all the Tyrrhenian host. Great are the trophies they bring, to whom thy hand deals death ;<sup>1</sup> thou, too, Turnus, wouldest now be standing, a monstrous trunk arrayed in arms, had thine age and strength of years been as his ! But why do I, unhappy, stay the Teucrians from conflict ? Go, and forget not to bear this message to your king : that I drag on a life hateful now that Pallas is slain, the cause is thy right hand, which thou seest owes Turnus to son and to sire. That sole field is left thee for thy merits and thy fortune. I ask not for joy in life—that cannot be—but to bear tidings to my son in the shades below."

<sup>182</sup> Meanwhile Dawn had uplifted her kindly light for weary men, recalling them to task and toil. Now father Aeneas, now Tarchon, had set up pyres on the winding shore. Hither, after the fashion of their fathers, they each brought the bodies of their kin, and as the murky fires are lit beneath, high heaven is veiled in the gloom of darkness. Thrice, girt in glittering armour, they ran their course round the blazing piles ; thrice circled on their steeds the mournful funeral-fire, and uttered the voice of wailing. Tears stream on earth, and stream on armour ; cries of men and blare of clarions mount to heaven. And now some fling on the fire Latin spoils stripped from the slain, helmets and goodly swords, bridles

<sup>1</sup> The slain warriors themselves are said to bring the trophies Pallas can display.

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frenaque ferventisque rotas, pars munera nota, ipsorum clipeos et non felicia tela.	195
multa boum circa mactantur corpora Morti, saetigerosque sues raptasque ex omnibus agris in flamمام iugulant pecudes. tum litore toto ardentis spectant socios semustaque servant busta, neque avelli possunt, nox umida donec invertit caelum stellis ardentibus aptum.	200
Nec minus et miseri diversa in parte Latini innumerā struxere pyras, et corpora partim multa virum terrae infodiant avectaque partim finitimos tollunt in agros urbique remittunt; cetera confusaeque ingentem caedis acervum nec numero nec honore cremant; tunc undique vasti certatim crebris conludent ignibus agri.	205
tertia lux gelidam caelo dimoverat umbram: maerentes altum cinerem et confusa ruebant ossa focus tepidoque onerabant aggere terrae. iam vero in tectis, praedivitis urbe Latini, praecipuuſ fragor et longi pars maxima luctus. hic matres miseraeque nurus, hic cara sororum pectora maerentum puerique parentibus orbi dirum exsecrantur bellum Turnique hymenaeos; ipsum armis ipsumque iubent decernere ferro, qui regnum Italiae et primos sibi poscat honores.	215
ingravat haec saevus Drances solumque vocari testatur, solum posci in certamina Turnum. multa simul contra variis sententia dictis pro Turno, et magnum reginae nomen obumbrat, multa virum meritis sustentat fama tropaeis.	220

<sup>202</sup> fulgentibus *R.*

<sup>207</sup> stragis *R.*

<sup>214</sup> longe *bc*, approved by *Servius.*

<sup>220</sup> haec] et *Py<sup>1</sup>.*

<sup>224</sup> virum] simul *M<sup>1</sup>.*

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and glowing wheels; others, offerings familiar to the dead—their own shields and luckless weapons. Around, many a stout ox is sacrificed to Death; bristly swine and cattle harried from all the country are slaughtered over the flames. Then, over all the shore, they watch their comrades burning, and keep guard above the charred pyres, nor can tear themselves away till dewy night rolls round the heaven, inset with gleaming stars.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>203</sup> Nor less, elsewhere, the hapless Latins built pyres innumerable. Of their many slain, some they bury in the earth, some they raise and carry to the neighbouring fields or send home to the city; the rest, a mighty mass of indistinguishable slaughter, they burn unreckoned and unhonoured: then on all sides, emulous with close-clustering fires, flare the broad fields. The third morn had withdrawn chill shade from heaven; mournfully they stirred from the pyres the bones mingled with deep ashes, and heaped above them a warm mound of earth. But within the walls, in the city of rich Latinus, is the chief uproar and the long wail's largest portion. Here mothers and their sons' unhappy brides, here the loving hearts of sorrowing sisters, and boys bereft of sires, call curses on the fell war and on Turnus' nuptials: "He, he himself," they cry, "should decide the issue by arms and the sword, he who claims for himself the realm of Italy and foremost honours." Fierce Drances weights the scale, and bears witness that Turnus alone is called, alone is summoned to battle. Over against them, the while, many an opinion in varied phrase speaks for Turnus, the shadow of the queen's great name is his shelter, and many a tale with well-won trophies upholds the hero.

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Aen.* ii. 250 and iv. 482 (= vi. 797).

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Hos inter motus, medio in flagrante tumultu, 225  
 ecce super maesti magna Diomedis ab urbe  
 legati responsa ferunt : nihil omnibus actum  
 tantorum impensis operum, nil dona neque aurum  
 nec magnas valuisse preces, alia arma Latinis  
 quaerenda, aut pacem Troiano ab rege petendum. 230  
 deficit ingenti luctu rex ipse Latinus.

fatalem Aenean manifesto numine ferri  
 admonet ira deum tumulique ante ora recentes.

ergo concilium magnum primosque suorum  
 imperio accitos alta intra limina cogit. 235

olli convenere ruuntque ad regia plenis  
 tecta viis. sedet in mediis et maximus aevo  
 et primus sceptris haud laeta fronte Latinus.  
 atque hic legatos Aetola ex urbe remissos,  
 quae referant, fari iubet et responsa reposcit 240  
 ordine cuncta suo. tum facta silentia linguis,  
 et Venulus dicto parens ita farier infit :

“ Vidimus, o cives, Diomede Argivaque castra  
 atque iter emensi casus superavimus omnis,  
 contigimusque manum, qua concidit Ilia tellus. 245  
 ille urbem Argyripam patriae cognomine gentis  
 victor Gargani condebat Iapygis agris.

postquam introgressi et coram data copia fandi,  
 munera preeferimus, nomen patriamque docemus,  
 qui bellum intulerint, quae causa attraxerit Arpos. 250  
 auditis ille haec placido sic reddidit ore :

“ ‘ O fortunatae gentes, Saturnia regna,  
 antiqui Ausonii, quae vos fortuna quietos  
 sollicitat suadetque ignota lacessere bella ?

<sup>230</sup> petendam *M<sup>1</sup>PRγ* : petendum *Servius*.

<sup>236</sup> fluuntque *P<sup>2</sup>Rγ*.

<sup>243</sup> Diomede *a<sup>2</sup>b<sup>2</sup>c* : Diomeden *MPRγ* : Diomedem *inferior MSS.*

<sup>247</sup> arvis *b<sup>2</sup>*, *Servius*.

<sup>251</sup> edidit *M<sup>2</sup>*.

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225 Amid this stir, at the fiery turmoil's height, lo ! to crown all, from Diomede's great city the envoys bring a gloomy answer : naught has been gained at cost of so much toil ; naught have gifts of gold or strong prayers availed ; Latium must seek other arms or sue for peace to the Trojan king. Beneath his weight of grief even king Latinus sinks. That Aeneas is called of fate, guided by heaven's clear will, is the warning given by angry gods and the fresh graves before his eyes. Therefore his high council, the foremost of his people, he summons by royal command and convenes within his lofty portals. They assembled, streaming to the king's palace through the crowded streets. In their midst, eldest in years and first in regal state, with little joy upon his brow, sits Latinus, and now bids the envoys, returned from the Aetolian city, tell what tidings they bring back, and demands full answers, each in order. Then on all tongues fell silence, and, obedient to his word, Venulus thus begins :

243 " We have seen, O citizens, Diomede and his Argive camp ; we have achieved our journey, overcome all perils, and grasped the hand whereby the land of Ilium fell. He was founding his city of Argyripa, named after his father's race, in the conquered fields of Iapygian Garganus. Soon as we entered, and liberty was given to speak before his face, we proffer our gifts, and declare our name and country, who are its invaders, and what cause has led us to Arpi. He heard and thus replied with unruffled mien :

252 " " O happy peoples of Saturn's realm, sons of old Ausonia, what chance vexes your calm and lures you to provoke warfare unknown ? All we who with

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quicumque Iliacos ferro violavinus agros                    255  
 (mitto ea, quae muris bellando exhausta sub altis,  
 quos Simois premat ille viros), infanda per orbem  
 supplicia et scelerum poenas expendimus omnes,  
 vel Priamo miseranda manus : scit triste Minervae  
 sidus et Euboicae cautes ultiorque Caphereus.            260  
 militia ex illa diversum ad litus abacti  
 Atrides Protei Menelaus adusque columnas  
 exsulat, Aetnaeos vidi Cyclopas Ulices.  
 regna Neoptolemi referam versosque penatis  
 Idomenei? Libycone habitantis litore Locros?            265  
 ipse Mycenaeus magnorum ductor Achivum  
 coniugis infandae prima intra limina dextra  
 oppetiit, devictam Asiam subsedit adulter.  
 invidisse deos, patriis ut redditus aris  
 coniugium optatum et pulchram Calydona viderem?  
 nunc etiam horribili visu portenta sequuntur,            271  
 et socii amissi petierunt aethera pannis  
 fluminibusque vagantur aves (heu dira meorum  
 supplicia!) et scopulos lacrimosis vocibus implet.  
 haec adeo ex illo mihi iam speranda fuerunt            275  
 tempore, cum ferro caelestia corpora demens  
 adpetii et Veneris violavi volnere dextram.  
 ne vero, ne me ad talis impellite pugnas.

<sup>261</sup> adacti *M<sup>2</sup>*.<sup>264, 265</sup> placed after 268 by Ribbeck, Benoist, and others.<sup>267</sup> inter *P<sup>1</sup>*, *Macrobius*.<sup>268</sup> devicta Asia γ<sup>2</sup>β<sup>2</sup>с, preferred by Servius. possedit *M<sup>2</sup>R<sup>γ</sup><sup>3</sup>*, *Macrobius*.<sup>272</sup> amissis *P<sup>1</sup>*: admissis known to Servius.<sup>275</sup> adeo] eadem *P<sup>1</sup>*.

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<sup>1</sup> As the Greeks were returning from Troy, Pallas Minerva sent a storm upon them, and Nauplius, king of Euboea, hung  
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steel profaned the fields of Troy—I speak not of the sorrows we suffered in war beneath her lofty walls, of the heroes whom yonder Simois o'erwhelms—we, the wide world over, have paid all manner of penalties in nameless tortures, a band that even Priam might pity: witness Minerva's baleful star, the Euboic cliffs, and avenging Caphereus.<sup>1</sup> From that warfare driven to diverse shores, Menelaus, son of Atreus, is in exile far as the pillars of Proteus; and Ulysses has looked on the Cyclopes of Aetna. Shall I tell of the realm of Neoptolemus and the home of Idomeneus o'erthrown! or of the Locrians who dwell on Libya's shore? Even the Mycenaean, the mighty Achaeans' chief, scarce within the threshold, fell by his wicked wife's hand; behind vanquished Asia lurked a paramour!<sup>2</sup> Ah! that heaven hath begrimed me return to my country's altars, and sight of the wife I long for, and lovely Calydon! Even now, portents of dreadful view pursue me; my lost comrades have winged their way to the sky or haunt the streams as birds—alas! the dire punishment of my people!—and fill the cliffs with their tearful cries.<sup>3</sup> Such, even such, was the fate I had to look for from that hour when with the steel I madly assailed celestial limbs, and profaned the hand of Venus with a wound.<sup>4</sup> Nay, nay, urge me not to

out false lights, so that the fleet was wrecked on the promontory of Caphereus.

<sup>2</sup> Aegisthus, paramour of Clytemnestra, aided her in the murder of the returning Agamemon. Thus for the victor came "first the triumph, then the assassin's stroke."

<sup>3</sup> Some of the companions of Diomedes were changed into sea-birds, which haunted the Diomedes Islands off the Apulian promontory of Garganus.

<sup>4</sup> How Diomedes wounded Aphrodite is told in *Iliad*, v. 318 ff.

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nec mihi cum Teucris ullum post éruta bellum  
 Pergama, nec veterum memini laetorve malorum. 280  
 munera, quae patriis ad me portatis ab oris,  
 vertite ad Aenean. stetimus tela aspera contra  
 contulimusque manus : experto credite, quantus  
 in clipeum adsurgat, quo turbine torqueat hastam.  
 si duo praeterea talis Idaea tulisset 285  
 terra viros, ultro Inachias venisset ad urbes  
 Dardanus et versis lugeret Graecia fatis.  
 quidquid apud durae cessatum est moenia Troiae,  
 Hectoris Aeneaeque manu victoria Graium  
 haesit et in decimum vestigia rettulit annum. 290  
 ambo animis, ambo insignes praestantibus armis ;  
 hic pietate prior. coeant in foedera dextrae,  
 qua datur ; ast armis concurrent arma cavete.'  
 et responsa simul quae sint, rex optime, regis  
 audisti et quae sit magno sententia bello." 295  
 Vix ea legati, variusque per ora cucurrit  
 Ausonidum turbata tremor : ceu saxa morantur  
 cum rapidos amnis, fit clauso gurgite murmur  
 vicinaeque fremunt ripae crepitantibus undis.  
 ut primum placati animi et trepida oraquierunt, 300  
 praefatus divos solio rex infit ab alto :  
     " Ante equidem summa de re statuisse, Latini,  
     et vellem et fuerat melius, non tempore tali  
     cogere concilium, cum muros adsidet hostis.  
     bellum importunum, cives, cum gente deorum 305  
     invictisque viris gerimus, quos nulla fatigant

<sup>279</sup> bellum est *R.*                  <sup>281</sup> portastis *bc*, *Servius*.  
<sup>288</sup> certatum *M<sup>2</sup>*.                  <sup>304</sup> obsidet *Mbc<sup>2</sup>*.

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such battles! Neither have I any war with Teucer's race since Troy's towers fell, nor have I joyful remembrance of the ills of old. The gifts that ye bring me from your country's bounds take rather to Aeneas. We have faced his fierce weapons, and fought him hand to hand: trust one who proved it, how huge he looms above his shield, with what whirlwind he hurls his spear! Had Ida's land borne two others like to him, the Trojans had even stormed the towns of Inachus,<sup>1</sup> and Greece would be mourning, with doom reversed. In all our tarrying before the walls of stubborn Troy, it was by the hand of Hector and Aeneas that the Greeks' victory was halted and withdrew its advent till the tenth year. Both were renowned for courage, both eminent in arms; Aeneas was first in piety. Join hand to hand in treaty, as best ye may; but beware your swords clash not with his!' Thou hast heard, noble King, what the King replies, and what he counsels on this mighty war."

<sup>296</sup> Scarce thus the envoys, when a various murmur ran along the troubled lips of Ausonia's sons: even as, when rocks delay a rushing river, there rises a roar from the pent-up flood, and the neighbouring banks echo to the plashing waters. Soon as minds were calmed and restless tongues were hushed, the king, first calling on heaven, from his high throne begins:

<sup>302</sup> "That ere now, O Latins, we had determined on our country's weal, I both could wish, and it had been better; not to convene a council at such an hour, when the foe is seated at our walls. A war unblest, O my countrymen, we are waging with a race divine, with men unconquered; no battles weary

<sup>1</sup> Inachus was the first king of Argos, and Argos indicates Greek cities in general.

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proelia, nec victi possunt absistere ferro.  
spem si quam adscitis Aetolum habuistis in armis,  
ponite. spes sibi quisque; sed haec quam an-  
gusta, videtis.

cetera qua rerum iaceant perculta ruina, 310  
ante oculos interque manus sunt omnia vestras.  
nec quemquam incuso: potuit quae plurima virtus  
esse, fuit; toto certatum est corpore regni.  
nunc adeo, quae sit dubiae sententia menti,  
expediam et paucis (animos adhibete) docebo. 315  
est antiquus ager Tusco mihi proximus amni,  
longus in occasum, finis super usque Sicanos;  
Aurunci Rutulique serunt et vomere duros  
exercent collis atque horum asperrima pascunt.  
haec omnis regio et celsi plaga pinea montis 320  
cedat amicitiae Teucrorum, et foederis aequas  
dicamus leges sociosque in regna vocemus;  
considant, si tantus amor, et moenia condant.  
sin alios finis aliamque capessere gentem  
est animus possuntque solo decidere nostro, 325  
bis denas Italo texamus robore navis;  
seu pluris complere valent, iacet omnis ad undam  
materies; ipsi numerumque modumque carinis  
praecipient, nos aera, manus, navalia demus.  
praeterea, qui dicta ferant et foedera firment, 330  
centum oratores prima de gente Latinos  
ire placet pacisque manu praetendere ramos,  
munera portantis aurique eborisque talenta  
et sellam regni trabeamque insignia nostri.  
consulte in medium et rebus succurrite fessis." 335

Tum Drances, idem infensus, quem gloria Turni  
obliqua invidia stimulisque agitabat amaris,  
largus opum et lingua melior, sed frigida bello

<sup>315</sup> et omitted *P<sup>2</sup>γ.*

<sup>335</sup> fessis] *vestris P<sup>γ</sup>1.*

<sup>324</sup> -que] -ve *P<sup>γ</sup>.*

<sup>338</sup> linguae *P<sup>1</sup>*, *Servius.*

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them and even in defeat they cannot let go the sword. If ye had any hope in alliance with Aetolian arms, resign it. Each is his own hope ; but how slender this is, ye see. All else, with what wide ruin it lies smitten, is before your eyes and within your grasp. Nor blame I any ; what valour's utmost could do is done ; with our realm's whole strength have we striven. Now mark : the judgment of my wavering mind I will unfold, and, if ye pay heed, will instruct you in brief. There is an ancient domain of mine bordering the Tuscan river, stretching far westward, even beyond Sicanian bounds. Auruncans and Rutulians sow the seed, work the stubborn hills with the share, and graze their roughest slopes. Let all this tract, with a pine-clad belt of mountain height, pass to the Trojans in friendship ; let us name just terms of treaty, and invite them to share our realm. Let them settle, if so strong be their desire, and build their city. But if they have a mind to lay hold of other bounds, and another nation, and are free to quit our soil, let us build twice ten ships of Italian oak ; or if they can man more, all the timber lies at the water's edge ; themselves shall prescribe the number and fashion of their vessels ; we will give brass, labour, and docks. Further, to bear our word and seal the pact, I would have a hundred envoys go forth, Latins of noblest birth, proffering in their hands boughs of peace, and carrying gifts—talent-weights of gold and ivory, and the chair and robe, ensigns of our royalty. Take counsel for the commonweal, and uphold our weary fortunes !”

<sup>336</sup> Then Drances, hostile as before, whom the renown of Turnus goaded with the bitter stings of furtive envy, lavish of wealth and valiant of tongue, though his hand was cold for battle, in counsel

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vidimus, ingentis et desolavimus agros.  
 aut si fama movet, si tantum pectore robur  
 concipis aut si adeo dotalis regia cordi est,  
 aude atque adversum fidens fer pectus in hostem. 370  
 scilicet ut Turno contingat regia coniunx,  
 nos animae viles, inhumata infletaque turba,  
 sternamur campis? etiam tu, si qua tibi vis,  
 si patrii quid Martis habes, illum aspice contra,  
 qui vocat." 375

Talibus exarsit dictis violentia Turni;  
 dat gemitum rumpitque has imo pectore voces:  
 "larga quidem, Drance, semper tibi copia fandi  
 tum cum bella manus poscunt, patribusque vocatis  
 primus ades. sed non replenda est curia verbis, 380  
 quae tuto tibi magna volant, dum distinet hostem  
 agger moerorum nec inundant sanguine fossae.  
 proinde tono eloquio (solitum tibi) meque timoris  
 argue tu, Drance, quando tot stragis acervos  
 Teucrorum tua dextra dedit passimque tropaeis 385  
 insignis agros. possit quid vivida virtus,  
 experiare licet: nec longe scilicet hostes  
 quaerendi nobis; circumstant undique muros.  
 imus in adversos? quid cessas? an tibi Mavors  
 ventosa in lingua pedibusque fugacibus istis 390  
 semper erit?  
 pulsus ego? aut quisquam merito, foedissime, pulsum  
 arguet, Iliaco tumidum qui crescere Thybrim  
 sanguine et Euandri totam cum stirpe videbit  
 procubuisse domum atque exutos Arcadas armis? 395  
 haud ita me experti Bitias et Pandarus ingens

<sup>367</sup> designavimus *Py*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>369</sup> aut] et *PR*.

<sup>378</sup> semper Drance *PRy*, *Servius*.

<sup>381</sup> detinet *M*.

<sup>382</sup> aggere *MPRy*<sup>c</sup>. nec] et *Py*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>391</sup> *M*<sup>1</sup> adds nequiquam armis terrebimus hostem.

<sup>393</sup> arguit *M*<sup>1</sup>.

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have made wide lands desolate. Or, if glory stir thee, if in thy heart thou nursest such strength, or if the dower of a palace be to thee so dear—be bold, and fearlessly advance thy breast to meet the foe. What ! that Turnus may be blessed with a royal bride, are we, forsooth, we worthless lives, a crowd unburied and unwept, to be strewn upon the plains ? Do thou also, if any might be thine, if thou hast aught of the War-god of thy sires, look him in the face who challenges ! ”

<sup>376</sup> At these words out blazed the fury of Turnus : he heaves a groan, and from his bosom's depth breaks forth with this cry : “ Plenteous indeed, Drances, ever is thy stream of speech in the hour when battle calls for hands ; and when the senate is summoned, thou art first to appear ! But we need not to fill the council-house with words—those big words that fly securely from thy lips, while rampart-walls keep off the foe, and the trenches swim not yet with blood. Go, thunder on in eloquence—thy wonted way—and do thou, Drances, charge me with fear, since thy hand hath reared such slaughter-heaps of Teucrians, and everywhere thou adornest the fields with trophies. What living valour may achieve, 'tis in thy power to make trial ; nor in sooth are our foes far to seek ; on every side they beset our walls. Shall we move to meet them ? Why lingerest ? Will thy prowess lodge for ever in that windy tongue, and in those flying feet ? I *beaten* ? Or shall any one, foul liar, justly brand me beaten, that shall see swollen Tiber rise high with Ilian blood, and all Evander's house and line laid prostrate, and his Arcadians stripped of arms ? Not such did Bitias and giant Pandarus prove me, nor those thousand men whom

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et quos mille die victor sub Tartara misi,  
inclusus muris hostilique aggere saeptus.  
'nulla salus bello.' capiti cane talia, demens,  
Dardanio rebusque tuis. proinde omnia magno 400  
ne cessa turbare metu atque extollere viris  
gentis bis victae, contra premere arma Latini.  
nunc et Myrmidonum proceres Phrygia arma  
tremescunt,  
nunc et Tydides et Larisaeus Achilles,  
amnis et Hadriacas retro fugit Aufidus undas. 405  
vel cum se pavidum contra mea iurgia fingit,  
artificis scelus, et formidine crimen acerbat.  
numquam animam talem dextra hac (absiste moveri)  
amittes : habitet tecum et sit pectore in isto.  
nunc ad te et tua magna, pater, consulta revertor. 410  
si nullam nostris ultra spem ponis in armis,  
si tam deserti sumus et semel agmine verso  
funditus occidimus neque habet Fortuna regressum,  
oremus pacem et dextras tendamus inertis.  
quamquam o si solitae quicquam virtutis adisset ! 415  
ille mihi ante alios fortunatusque laborum  
egregiusque animi, qui, ne quid tale videret,  
procubuit moriens et humum semel ore momordit.  
sin et opes nobis et adhuc intacta iuventus  
auxilioque urbes Italae populique supersunt, 420  
sin et Troianis cum multo gloria venit  
sanguine (sunt illis sua funera, parque per omnis  
tempestas)—cur indecores in limine primo  
deficimus ? cur ante tubam tremor occupat artus ?  
multa dies variisque labor mutabilis aevi 425  
rettulit in melius, multos alterna revisens

<sup>404</sup> Rejected by some editors; cf. II. 197.

<sup>410</sup> magne *M.*    <sup>412</sup> semul *P.*: simul *M<sup>1</sup>R.*    <sup>422</sup> suntque *R.*

<sup>425</sup> variusque *M<sup>2</sup>P<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*, *Macrobius, Nonius.*

<sup>426</sup> multosque *M<sup>3</sup>.*

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in one day my conquering arm sent down to hell,  
cooped though I was within their walls and girt by  
foemen's ramparts. *No safety in war!* Chant such  
bodings, fool, for the Dardan's head and thine own  
lot! Go on; cease not to confound all with thy  
great alarms, extol the might of a twice-conquered  
people, and in turn decry the arms of Latinus. Now  
the Myrmidon princes tremble before Phrygian arms,  
now Tydeus' son and Achilles of Larissa, and Aufidus'  
stream recoils from the Adriatic wave. Or listen  
when he feigns himself affrighted at my chiding—a  
knavish villainy—and sharpens calumny with terror!  
Never shalt thou lose such life as thine—be not  
troubled—by this right hand: let it dwell with thee,  
and abide in thy craven breast! Now, sire, I return  
to thee and this weighty debate of thine. If thou  
restest no further hope in our arms, if so forlorn are  
we, and in one repulse of our lines have fallen on  
utter ruin, nor can Fortune retrace her steps, let us  
pray for peace and stretch forth helpless hands!  
Yet, oh, if we had aught of our wonted valour!  
Blest beyond others in his toil, and peerless in soul  
would I hold the man, who, to shun such a sight, has  
fallen in death and once for all has bitten the dust.  
But if we still have means, a manhood still unharmed,  
cities and nations of Italy still supporting us; but if  
even the Trojans have won glory at much bloodshed's  
cost (they too have their deaths, and the storm swept  
over all alike)—why faint we ignobly upon the  
threshold's edge? Why, ere the trumpet sounds,  
does trembling seize our limbs? Many an ill has  
time repaired, and the shifting toil of changing  
years; many a man has Fortune, fitful visitant,

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lusit et in solido rursus Fortuna locavit.  
non erit auxilio nobis Aetolus et Arpi :  
at Messapus erit felixque Tolumnius et quos  
tot populi misere duces, nec parva sequetur      430  
gloria delectos Latio et Laurentibus agris.  
est et Volscorum egregia de gente Camilla,  
agmen agens equitum et florēntis aere catervas.  
quod si me solum Teucri in certamina poscunt  
idque placet tantumque bonis communibus obsto,      435  
non adeo has exosa manus Victoria fugit,  
ut tanta quicquam pro spe temptare recusem.  
ibo animis contra, vel magnum praestet Achillem  
factaque Volcani manibus paria induat arma  
ille licet. vobis animam hanc soceroque Latino      440  
Turnus ego, haud ulli veterum virtute secundus,  
devovi. ‘solum Aeneas vocat.’ et vocet oro,  
nec Drances potius, sive est haec ira deorum,  
morte luat, sive est virtus et gloria, tollat.”

Illi haec inter se dubiis de rebus agebant      445  
certantes : castra Aeneas aciemque movebat.  
nuntius ingenti per regia tecta tumultu  
ecce ruit magnisque urbem terroribus implet :  
instructos acie Tiberino a flumine Teucros  
Tyrrhenamque manum totis descendere campis.      450  
extemplo turbati animi concussaque volgi  
pectorā et arrestae stimulis haud mollibus irae.  
arma manu trepidi poscunt, fremit arma iuventus,  
fleint maesti mussantque patres. hic undique clamor  
dissensu vario magnus se tollit ad auras,      455  
haud secus atque alto in luco cum forte catervae  
concedere avium, piscosove amne Padusae

<sup>“</sup> ad] in PRγ.

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mocked, then once more set up upon firm ground. No aid to us will be the Aetolian and his Arpi: yet Messapus will be, and Tolumnius the fortunate, and all the leaders sent by many a nation; nor will scant fame attend the flower of Latium and the Laurentine land. We have Camilla too, of the glorious Volscian race, leading her troop of horse and squadrons gay with brass. But if I alone am called by the Teucrians to combat, and such is your will, and I thus thwart the common good, Victory has not shrunk from these my hands with such loathing, that for hope so high I should decline to venture aught. I will face him boldly, even though he match the great Achilles and don like armour, wrought by Vulcan's hands. To you and my bride's sire, Latinus, have I, Turnus, second in valour to none of my fathers, devoted this life. *Aeneas calls on him alone.* So let him call, I pray! nor let Drances in my stead, if heaven's wrath be here, appease it by his death; nor, if here be prowess and glory, let him win the palm!"

445 Thus, in mutual strife, were they debating doubtful issues: Aeneas the while moved from camp to field. Lo, amid wild uproar, a messenger rushes through the royal halls and fills the city with great alarms: in battle-array, he cries, the Teucrians and the Tyrrhene force are sweeping down from the Tiber river over all the plain. Straightway the minds of the people are confounded, their bosoms shaken, and their passions roused by no gentle spur. With wildly waving hands they call for arms; "arms!" the young men shout; the weeping fathers moan and mutter. And now, from every side, there rises to heaven a loud din with varied discord: even as when flocks of birds haply settle in some tall grove, or

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dant sonitum rauci per stagna loquacia cycni.  
 “immo,” ait, “o cives,” arrepto tempore Turnus,  
 “cogite concilium et pacem laudate sedentes ;” 460  
 illi armis in regna ruunt.” nec plura locutus  
 corripuit sese et tectis citus extulit altis.  
 “tu, Voluse, armari Volscorum edice maniplis,  
 duc,” ait, “et Rutulos. equitem, Messapus, in armis,  
 et cum fratre Coras, latis diffundite campis.” 465  
 pars aditus urbis firmet turrisque capessat;  
 cetera, qua iusso, mecum manus inferat arma.”

Ilicet in muros tota discurritur urbe.  
 concilium ipse pater et magna incepta Latinus  
 deserit ac tristi turbatus tempore differt, 470  
 multaque se incusat, qui non acceperit ultro  
 Dardanium Aenean generumque adsciverit urbi.  
 praefodiunt alii portas aut saxa sudesque  
 subvectant. bello dat signum rauca cruentum  
 bucina. tum muros varia cinxere corona 475  
 matronae puerique; vocat labor ultimus omnis.  
 nec non ad templum summasque ad Palladis arces  
 subvehitur magna matrum regina caterva,  
 dona ferens, iuxtaque comes Lavinia virgo,  
 causa mali tanti, oculos deiecta decoros. 480  
 succedunt matres et templum ture vaporant  
 et maestas alto fundunt de limine voces:  
 “armipotens, praeses belli, Tritonia virgo,  
 frange manu telum Phrygii praedonis, et ipsum  
 primum sterne solo portisque effunde sub altis.” 485  
 cingitur ipse furens certatim in proelia Turnus.  
 iamque adeo rutilum thoraca induitus aenis

<sup>463</sup> maniplos *P<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*.      <sup>464</sup> equites *P<sup>2</sup>R<sup>γ</sup>*.

<sup>466</sup> firment *M<sup>1</sup>R<sup>1</sup>*. capessant *R*.

<sup>469</sup> consilium *M<sup>1</sup>*.      <sup>471</sup> quod *P<sup>2</sup>γ*.

<sup>480</sup> mali tantis *M<sup>1</sup>b<sup>1</sup>*: malis tantis *Rb<sup>2</sup>c<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>483</sup> praesens *M<sup>2</sup>F<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*, *Macrobius*.

<sup>487</sup> Rutulum *MP<sup>2</sup>γ*.

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when, by Padusa's fish-filled stream, hoarse-throated swans scream among the clamorous pools. "Nay, citizens," cries Turnus, seizing the moment, "convene a council, and sit praising peace; yonder they rush upon the realm in arms." No more he spake, but up he sprang, and sped swiftly forth from the high halls. "Thou, Volusus," he cries, "bid the Volscian squadrons arm, and lead out the Rutulians! Thou, Messapus, and thou, Coras, with thy brother, spread the horsemen under arms over the broad plains. Let some guard the city gates and man the towers; let the rest charge with me, where I shall command."

<sup>468</sup> At once from all the city there is a rush to the walls. Lord Latinus himself, dismayed by the disastrous hour, quits the council and postpones his high designs, oft chiding himself that he gave not ready welcome to Dardan Aeneas, nor, for his city's sake, adopted him as son. Others dig trenches before the gates or shoulder stones and stakes. The hoarse clarion gives bloody signal for battle. Then lo! a motley ring of matrons and boys girdle the walls; the final struggle summons all. Moreover the queen, with a great throng of mothers, rides<sup>1</sup> up to the temple of Pallas and her towered heights, bearing gifts, and at her side the maid Lavinia, source of all that woe, her beauteous eyes downcast. Ascending, the matrons fill the temple with lamentations: "O mighty in arms, mistress in war, Tritonian maid, break with thine hand the spear of the Phrygian pirate, hurl him prone to earth and stretch him prostrate beneath our lofty gates." As for Turnus, he, with emulous fury, girds himself for the fray. And now he has donned his flashing breastplate and

<sup>1</sup> Even as the Roman matrons rode in *pilenta* in their sacred processions (*cf. Aen.* viii. 665).

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horrebat squamis surasque incluserat auro,  
 tempora nudus adhuc, laterique accinxerat ensem,  
 fulgebatque alta decurrens aureus arce      490  
 exsultatque animis et spe iam praecipit hostem :  
 qualis ubi abruptis fugit praesepia vinclis  
 tandem liber equus campoque potitus aperto  
 aut ille in pastus armentaque tendit equarum  
 aut adsuetus aquae perfundi flumine noto      495  
 emicat, arrectisque fremit cervicibus alte  
 luxurians, luduntque iubae per colla, per armos.

Obvia cui Volscorum acie comitante Camilla  
 occurrit portisque ab equo regina sub ipsis  
 desiluit, quam tota cohors imitata relictis      500  
 ad terram defluxit equis; tum talia fatur :  
 "Turne, sui merito si qua est fiducia fortis,  
 audeo et Aeneadum promitto occurrere turmae  
 solaque Tyrrhenos equites ire obvia contra.  
 me sine prima manu temptare pericula belli,      505  
 tu pedes ad muros subsiste et moenia serva."  
 Turnus ad haec, oculos horrenda in virgine fixus :  
 "o decus Italiae virgo, quas dicere gratis  
 quasve referre parem? sed nunc, est omnia quando  
 iste animus supra, mecum partire laborem.      510  
 Aeneas, ut fama fidem missique reportant  
 exploratores, equitum levia improbus arma  
 praemisit, quaterent campos; ipse ardua montis  
 per deserta iugo superans adventat ad urbem.  
 furta paro belli convexo in tramite silvae,  
 ut bivias armato obsidam milite fauces.  
 tu Tyrrhenum equitem conlatis excipe signis;  
 tecum acer Messapus erit turmaeque Latinae  
 Tiburtique manus; ducis et tu concipe curam."

<sup>507</sup> fixis *M<sup>1</sup>*: fixos *γ*.  
<sup>510</sup> superat *M<sup>1</sup>*.

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bristles with brazen scales ; his legs he had sheathed in gold, his temples are yet bare, and his sword he had buckled to his side. Glittering in gold, he runs down from the fortress height ; he exults in courage, and in hope even now seizes the foe—even as, when a horse, bursting his tether, has fled the stalls, free at last, and lord of the open plain, either, mark you ! he makes for the pastures and herds of mares, or, wont to bathe in the well-known river, he darts forth, and neighs, with head out-stretched high in wanton joy, while his mane plays over neck and over shoulder.

<sup>498</sup> To meet him sped Camilla, attended by the Volscian array, and hard by the gates the queen leaped from her horse ; at whose example all her troop quitted their steeds and glided to earth. Then thus she speaks : “ Turnus, if the brave may justly place aught of trust in themselves, I dare and promise to face Aeneas’ cavalry, and singly ride to meet the Tyrrhene horse. Suffer this hand to essay war’s first perils ; do thou on foot stay by the walls and guard the town.” To this Turnus, with eyes fixed upon the dread maid : “ O maiden, glory of Italy, what thanks shall I try to utter or repay ? But now, since thy spirit soars above all, share thou with me the toil. Aeneas—so rumour tells, and scouts sent forth report the tidings true—has insolently thrown forward his light-armed horse, to sweep the plains ; himself, o’erpassing the ridge, marches by the mountain’s lonely steeps upon the town. Snares of war I lay in an over-arched pathway ‘mid the wood, to block with armed troops the gorge’s double jaws. Do thou in battle array await the Tyrrhene horse ; with thee shall be the valiant Messapus, the Latin squadrons, and Tiburtus’ troop : take thou too a

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sic ait et paribus Messapum in proelia dictis      520  
 hortatur sociosque duces et pergit in hostem.

Est curvo anfractu valles, accommoda fraudi  
 armorumque dolis, quam densis frondibus atrum  
 urget utrimque latus, tenuis quo semita dicit  
 angustaeque ferunt fauces aditusque maligni.      525  
 hanc super in speculis summoque in vertice montis  
 planities ignota iacet tutique receptus,  
 seu dextra laevaque velis occurrere pugnae,  
 sive instare iugis et grandia volvere saxa.  
 hoc iuvenis nota fertur regione viarum      530  
 arripuitque locum et silvis insedit inquis.

Velocem interea superis in sedibus Opim,  
 unam ex virginibus sociis sacraque caterva,  
 compellabat et has tristis Latonia voces  
 ore dabat : " graditur bellum ad crudele Camilla,      535  
 o virgo, et nostris nequiquam cingitur armis,  
 cara mihi ante alias. neque enim novus iste Diana  
 venit amor subitaque animum dulcedine movit.  
 pulsus ob invidiam regno virisque superbas  
 Priverno antiqua Metabus cum excederet urbe,      540  
 infantem fugiens media inter proelia belli  
 sustulit exilio comitem matrisque vocavit  
 nomine Casmillae, mutata parte, Camillam.  
 ipse sinu prae se portans iuga longa petebat  
 solorum nemorum ; tela undique saeva premebant      545  
 et circumfuso volitabant milite Volsci.  
 ecce fugae medio summis Amasenus abundans  
 spumabat ripis ; tantus se nubibus imber  
 ruperat. ille, innare parans, infantis amore

<sup>526</sup> in speculis] in omitted R : e Py<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>527</sup> recessus M<sup>2</sup>R, known to Servius.

<sup>533</sup> sacris socia R.

<sup>534</sup> compellat R. tristi R.

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captain's charge." This said, with like words he heartens Messapus and the allied captains to battle, and moves against the foe.

522 There lies a vale with sweeping curve, fit site for stratagems and wiles of war, hemmed in on either side by a wall black with dense leafage. Hither leads a narrow path, with straitened gorge and jealous approach. Above it, amid the watch-towers of the mountain-top, lies a hidden plain and a safe shelter, whether one would charge from right or left, or take stand upon the ridge and roll down giant stones. Hither the warrior repairs by a familiar line of road, and, seizing his ground, sat him down within the perilous woods.<sup>1</sup>

532 Meanwhile, in Heaven's halls Latona's daughter addressed fleet Opis, one of her maiden sisterhood and sacred band, and opened her lips to these words of sorrow : "Camilla goes forth to the cruel war, O maiden, and vainly girds on our arms, dear as she is to me beyond others. For no new love is this that has come to Diana nor sudden the spell wherewith it has stirred her heart. When, driven from his realm through hatred of his tyrant might, Metabus was leaving Privernum's ancient city, as he fled amid the press of battle-strife, he took with him his infant child to share his exile, and called her, after her mother Casmilla's name, but slightly changed, Camilla. The father, carrying her before him on his breast, sought the long ridges of lonely woodland : on every side pressed fierce weapons, and with wide-spread soldiery hovered the Volscians. Lo ! athwart his flight, Amasenus was foaming in flood above his highest banks, so fierce a rain had burst from the clouds. Fain to swim the stream, he is checked by

<sup>1</sup> i.e. involving peril for Aeneas.

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tardatur caroque oneri timet. omnia secum 550  
 versanti subito vix haec sententia sedit :  
 telum immane manu valida quod forte gerebat  
 bellator, solidum nodis et robore cocto,  
 huic natam, libro et silvestri subere clausam,  
 implicat atque habilem mediae circumligat hastae; 555  
 quam dextra ingenti librans ita ad aethera fatur :  
 ‘alma, tibi hanc, nemorum cultrix, Latonia virgo,  
 ipse pater famulam voveo ; tua prima per auras  
 tela tenens supplex hostem fugit. accipe, testor,  
 diva tuam, quae nunc dubiis committitur auris.’ 560  
 dixit et adducto contortum hostile lacerto  
 immittit : sonuere undae, rapidum super amnem  
 infelix fugit in iaculo stridente Camilla.  
 at Metabus, magna propius iam urgente caterva,  
 dat sese fluvio, atque hastam cum virgine victor 565  
 gramineo, donum Triviae, de caespite vellit.  
 non illum tectis ullaee, non moenibus urbes  
 accepere, neque ipse manus feritate dedisset :  
 pastorum et solis exegit montibus aevum.  
 hic natam in dumis interque horrentia lustra 570  
 armentalalis equae mammis et lacte ferino  
 nutribat, teneris immulgens ubera labris.  
 utque pedum primis infans vestigia plantis  
 institerat, iaculo palmas armavit acuto  
 spiculaque ex umero parvae suspendit et arcum. 575  
 pro crinali auro, pro longae tegmine pallae  
 tigridis exuviae per dorsum a vertice pendent.  
 tela manu iam tum tenera puerilia torsit  
 et fundam tereti circum caput egit habena  
 Strymoniamque gruem aut album deiecit olorem. 580

552 ferebat *M<sup>2</sup>*.554 huc *R<sup>1</sup>*.570 hinc *P.*574 armavit] onerant *b*, *Servius.*

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love for his babe, and he fears for his precious burden. Of a sudden, as he inly pondered every course, he settled on this reluctant resolve: the huge spear, which the warrior haply bore in his stout hand, hard-knotted and of seasoned oak—to this he fastens his child, encased in bark of wild cork-wood, and bound her featly round the centre of the shaft; then poising it in his giant hand, thus cries to the heavens: ‘Gracious one, dweller in the woodland, Latonian maid, this child I vow to thy service, I her father; thine are the first weapons she holds, as through the air, thy suppliant, she flees the foe. Accept, O goddess, I implore, for thine own, her whom now I commit to the uncertain breeze.’ He said, and, drawing back his arm, launches the spinning shaft: loud roared the waters, over the rushing river flees hapless Camilla upon the whizzing steel. But Metabus, now that a great band pressed closer upon him, plunges into the flood, and in triumph plucks from the grassy turf his offering to Trivia, the spear and the maid. Him no cities received to their homes or walls, nor in his wild mood would he himself have yielded thereto: amid shepherds and on the lone mountains he passed his days. Here amid brakes and beasts’ rugged lairs he nursed his child on milk at the breast of a wild mare from the herd, squeezing the teats into her tender lips. And soon as her baby feet had planted her earliest steps, he armed her hands with a pointed lance, and hung quiver and bow from her little shoulder. In place of gold to clasp her hair, in place of long trailing robe, there hang from her head adown the back a tiger’s spoils. Even then with tender hand she hurled her childish darts, swung round her head the smooth-thonged sling, and struck down Strymonian

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multae illam frustra Tyrrhena per oppida matres  
 optavere nurum ; sola contenta Diana  
 aeternum telorum et virginitatis amoreim  
 intemerata colit. vellem haud correpta fuisse  
 militia tali, conata lacessere Teucros : 585  
 cara mihi comitumque foret nunc una mearum.  
 verum age, quandoquidem fatis urgetur acerbis,  
 labere, nympha, polo finisque invise Latinos,  
 tristis ubi infausto committitur omine pugna.  
 haec cape et ultricem pharetra deprome sagittam : 590  
 hac, quicumque sacrum violarit volnere corpus,  
 Tros Italusve, mihi pariter det sanguine poenas.  
 post ego nube cava miserandae corpus et arma  
 inspoliata feram tumulo patriaeque reponam."  
 dixit : at illa levis caeli delapsa per auras 595  
 insonuit, nigro circumdata turbine corpus.

At manus interea muris Troiana propinquat  
 Etruscique duces equitumque exercitus omnis,  
 compositi numero in turmas. fremit aequore toto  
 insultans sonipes et pressis pugnat habenis 600  
 huc conversus et huc ; tum late ferreus hastis  
 horret ager campique armis sublimibus ardent.  
 nec non Messapus contra celeresque Latini  
 et cum fratre Coras et virginis ala Camillae  
 adversi campo apparent hastasque reductis 605  
 protendunt longe dextris et spicula vibrant,  
 adventusque virum fremitusque ardescit equorum.

<sup>592</sup> -ve c, *Servius* : -que *MPRyb* (*in the last over an erasure*).

<sup>595</sup> demissa *PRyc* : dimissa b.

<sup>601</sup> obversus *R.*

<sup>602</sup> [armis] hastis *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>605</sup> reductas *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>606</sup> praetendunt *M<sup>1</sup>*.

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crane or snowy swan. Many a mother in Tyrrhene towers longed for her as daughter in vain; content with Diana alone, she cherishes unsullied a lifelong love for her weapons and her maidenhood. I would that she had not been swept away in warfare such as this, essaying to brave the Teucrians: so were she still my darling and a sister of my train. But come, seeing that untimely doom weighs upon her, glide from heaven, O nymph, and seek the Latin borders, where under evil omen they join in the gloomy fray. Take these,<sup>1</sup> and draw from my quiver an avenging shaft: by it let the foe, whoe'er he be, Trojan or Italian, that with wound shall profane her sacred limbs, pay me forfeit in like manner with his blood. Then in the hollow of a cloud I will bear body and armour of the hapless maid unspoiled to the tomb, and lay them away in her own land.” She spoke; but Opis sped down with whirring sound through heaven’s light air, her form enshrouded in black whirlwind.

<sup>597</sup> But meanwhile the Trojan band draws near the walls, with the Etruscan chiefs and all their mounted array, marshalled by number into squadrons. The war-steed prances neighing o’er all the plain, and, fighting the tight-drawn rein, swerves hither and thither: far and wide the field bristles with the steel of spears, and the plains are ablaze with uplifted arms. Likewise, over against them, Messapus, and the fleet Latins, and Coras with his brother, and maid Camilla’s troop, come into view, confronting them on the plain; with hands back-drawn afar, they thrust the lance and brandish the javelin; the marching of men and neighing of steeds grows fiery-

<sup>1</sup> i.e. her bow and arrows.

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iamque intra iactum teli progressus uterque  
 substiterat : subito erumpunt clamore furentisque 610  
 exhortantur equos, fundunt simul undique tela  
 crebra nivis ritu, caelumque obtexitur umbra.  
 continuo adversis Tyrrhenus et acer Aconteus  
 conixi incurruunt hastis primique ruinam  
 dant sonitu ingenti perfractaque quadrupedantum  
 pectora pectoribus rumpunt : excussus Aconteus 615  
 fulminis in morem aut tormento ponderis acti  
 praecipitat longe et vitam dispergit in auras.

Extemplo turbatae acies, versique Latini  
 reiciunt parmas et equos ad moenia vertunt :  
 Troes agunt, princeps turmas inducit Asilas. 620  
 iamque propinquabant portis, rursusque Latini  
 clamorem tollunt et mollia colla reflectunt ;  
 hi fugiunt penitusque datis referuntur habenis :  
 qualis ubi alterno procurrrens gurgite pontus  
 nunc ruit ad terram scopulosque superiacit unda 625  
 spumeus extremamque sinu perfundit harenam,  
 nunc rapidus retro atque aestu revoluta resorbens  
 saxa fugit litusque vado labente relinquit :  
 bis Tusci Rutulos egere ad moenia versos,  
 bis reicti armis respectant terga tegentes. 630  
 tertia sed postquam congressi in proelia totas  
 implicuere inter se acies legitque virum vir,  
 tum vero et gemitus morientum et sanguine in alto  
 armaque corporaque et permixti caede virorum  
 semianimes volvuntur equi ; pugna aspera surgit. 635  
 Orsilochus Remuli, quando ipsum horrebat adire,  
 hastam intorsit equo ferrumque sub aure reliquit.

<sup>609</sup> constiterant *M*<sup>1</sup>.      <sup>612</sup> adversi *MP<sup>2</sup>R<sup>γ</sup>*.

<sup>613</sup> ruina *P<sup>2</sup>* and two codices Moretani cited by Ribbeck.

<sup>614</sup> sonitum *MP<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*. ingentem *P<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>* (*M* has ruinam dant sonitum ingenti).

<sup>624</sup> procumbens *R*.

<sup>625</sup> terras *M*. suberigit *R*. undam γ *Servius*.

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fierce. And now in its advance each host had halted within spear-cast of each ; with sudden shout they dash forth, and spur on their furious steeds ; at once from all sides they shower darts as thick as snow-flakes, and the sky is veiled in shade. Forthwith Tyrrhenus and fierce Aconteus charge with spears amain, and are first to go down with mighty crash, breaking and shattering their chargers, breast against breast. Aconteus, flung off like thunderbolt or mass driven forth from an engine, is hurled headlong afar, and scatters his life into the air.

<sup>618</sup> Straightway the lines waver, and the Latins, routed, cast their shields behind them, and turn their horses cityward. The Trojans give chase ; Asilas in the van leads the squadrons. And now they were drawing nigh the gates, when again the Latins raise their shout, and wheel about their chargers' supple necks ; the others flee, and retreat afar with loosened rein : as when ocean, advancing with alternate flood, now rushes shoreward, dashes o'er the cliffs in a wave of foam, and drenches the utmost sands with its swelling curve ; now flees in fast retreat and in its surge sucks back revolving stones, leaving the strand with gliding shoal. Twice the Tuscans drove the routed Rutulians to the city ; twice, repulsed, they glance backwards, as they sling behind them their protecting shields. But when, clashing in the third encounter, the whole lines stood interlocked, and man marked man, then in truth rose groans of the dying, and deep in blood welter arms and bodies and horses, wounded unto death, and mingled with slaughtered riders : fierce swells the fight. Orsilochus hurled a lance at Remulus' steed—for its lord he shrank to meet—and left the steel

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quo sonipes ictu furit arduus altaque iactat  
 volneris impatiens arrecto pectore crura.  
 volvitur ille excussus humi. Catillus Iollan 640  
 ingentemque animis, ingentem corpore et armis,  
 deicit Herminium, nudo cui vertice fulva  
 caesaries nudique umeri ; nec volnera terrent ;  
 tantus in arma patet. latos huic hasta per armos  
 acta tremit duplicatque virum transfixa dolore. MR  
 funditur ater ubique cruar ; dant funera ferro 646  
 certantes pulchramque petunt per volnera mortem.

At medias inter caedes exsultat Amazon,  
 unum exserta latus pugnae, pharetrata Camilla,  
 et nunc lenta manu spargens hastilia denset, 650  
 nunc validam dextra rapit indefessa bipennem ;  
 aureus ex umero sonat arcus et arma Dianae.  
 illa etiam, si quando in tergum pulsa recessit,  
 spicula converso fugientia dirigit arcu.  
 at circum lectae comites, Larinaque virgo 655  
 Tullaque et aeratam quatiens Tarpeia securim,  
 Italides, quas ipsa decus sibi dia Camilla  
 delegit pacisque bonas bellique ministras :  
 quales Threiciae cum flumina Thermodontis  
 pulsant et pictis bellantur Amazones armis, 660  
 seu circum Hippolyten seu cum se Martia curru  
 Penthesilea refert, magnoque ululante tumultu  
 feminea exsultant lunatis agmina peltis.

Quem telo primum, quem postremum, aspera virgo,  
 deicis ? aut quot humi morientia corpora fundis ? 665  
 Euneum Clytio primum patre, cuius apertum

<sup>638</sup> ferit *M<sup>1</sup>R.*      <sup>644</sup> tantum *R.*      <sup>650</sup> densat *M<sup>1</sup>R<sub>γ</sub>.*

<sup>653</sup> in tergum si quando *b*, *Ribbeck.*

<sup>657</sup> diva *M<sup>1</sup>γ<sup>8</sup>c<sup>1</sup>* : dura *R.*      <sup>658</sup> bonae *R<sub>γ</sub><sup>8</sup>.*

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beneath its ear. At this blow the charger rears furious, and, brooking not the wound, with chest uplifted flings his legs on high; hurled forth, Remulus rolls on earth. Catillus strikes down Iollas, and Herminius, giant in courage, giant in body and arms; on his bare head stream his yellow locks, and bare are his shoulders; for him wounds have no terrors; so vast a frame faces the steel. Through his broad shoulders the driven spear comes quivering, and, piercing through, bends him double with anguish. Everywhere the dark blood streams; they deal carnage, clashing with the sword, and seek amid wounds a glorious death.

648 But in the heart of the slaughter, like an Amazon, one breast bared for the fray, and quiver-girt, rages Camilla; and now tough javelins she showers thick from her hand, now a stout battle-axe she snatches with unwearied grasp; the golden bow, armour of Diana, clangs from her shoulders. And even if, back pressed, she withdraws, she turns her bow and aims darts in her flight. But round her are her chosen comrades, maiden Larina and Tulla, and Tarpeia, shaking an axe of bronze, daughters of Italy, whom godlike Camilla herself chose to be her pride, good handmaids both in peace and war. Such are the Amazons of Thrace, when they tramp over Thermodon's streams and war in blazoned armour, whether round Hippolyte, or when Penthesilea, child of Mars, returns in her chariot, and, amid loud tumultuous cries, the woman-host exult with crescent shields.

654 Whom first, whom last, fierce maid, does thy dart strike down? How many a frame dost thou stretch dying on earth? First Euneus, son of Clytius, whose unguarded breast, as he faces her, she

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- adversi longa transverberat abierte pectus.  
 sanguinis ille vomens rivos cadit atque cruentam  
 mandit humum moriensque suo se in volnere versat.  
 tum Lirim Pagasumque super : quorum alter habenas  
 suffosso revolutus equo dum colligit, alter 671  
 dum subit ac dextram labenti tendit inermem,  
 praecipites pariterque ruunt. his addit Amastrum  
 Hippotaden, sequiturque incumbens eminus hasta  
 Tereaque Harpalycumque et Demophoonta  
 Chromimque ; 675
- quotque emissa manu contorsit spicula virgo,  
 tot Phrygii cecidere viri. procul Ornytus armis  
 ignotis et equo venator Iapyge fertur,  
 cui pellis latos umeros erepta iuvenco  
 pugnatori operit, caput ingens oris hiatus 680  
 et malae texere lupi cum dentibus albis,  
 agrestisque manus armat sparus ; ipse catervis  
 vertitur in mediis et toto vertice supra est.  
 hunc illa exceptum (neque enim labor agmine verso)  
 traicit et super haec inimico pectore fatur : 685  
 " silvis te, Tyrrhene, feras agitare putasti ?  
 advenit qui vestra dies muliebribus armis  
 verba redarguerit. nomen tamen haud leve patrum  
 manibus hoc referes, telo cecidisse Camillae."
- Protinus Orsilochum et Buten, duo maxima  
 Teucrum 690  
 corpora : sed Buten aversum cuspide fixit MPR  
 loricam galeamque inter, qua colla sedentis  
 lucent et laevo dependet parma lacerto ;  
 Orsilochum fugiens magnumque agitata per orbem  
 eludit gyro interior sequiturque sequentem : 695  
 tum validam perque arma viro perque ossa securim,  
 altior exsurgens, oranti et multa precanti
- <sup>671</sup> suffuso *M<sup>2</sup>Rγ*, preferred by Servius. <sup>672</sup> inertem γ.  
<sup>688</sup> redargueret *MR(?)γ*: redarguerit Priscian.

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pierces through with her long pine-shaft. Spouting streams of blood, he falls, bites the gory dust, and, dying, writhes upon his wound. Then Liris she fells, and Pegasus above him: while one, thrown from his stabbed horse, gathers up the reins, and the other, coming up, stretches an unharmed hand to stay his fall, headlong they fall together. To these she adds Amastrus, son of Hippotas; and, bending to the task, she follows from far with her spear Tereus, and Harpalycus, and Demophoon, and, Chromis; and as many darts as she sent spinning from her hand, so many Phrygians fell. At a distance rides the hunter Ornytus in strange armour on an Iapygian steed: a hide stripped from a fighting steer swathes his broad shoulders, his head is shielded by a wolf's huge gaping mouth and white-fanged jaws, and his hand is armed with rustic pike; himself he moves in the midmost ranks, a full head above all. Him she caught—for easy it was amid the rout—and pierced, then above him thus cries with pitiless heart: "Tuscan, didst thou think thou wert chasing beasts in the forests? The day is come that with woman's weapons shall refute the vaunts of thee and thine. Yet no slight renown is this thou shalt carry to thy father's shades—to have fallen by the spear of Camilla!"

<sup>690</sup> Next she slays Orsilochus and Butes, two Teucrians of mightiest frame. Butes she pierced with spear-point in the back, 'twixt corslet and helm, where the rider's neck gleams, and the shield hangs from the left arm; Orsilochus she flees, and, chased in a wide circle, foils him, wheels into an inner ring and pursues the pursuer; then rising higher, she drives her strong axe again and again through armour and through bone, albeit he implores and prays oft

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congeminat ; volnus calido rigat ora cerebro.  
incidit huic subitoque aspectu territus haesit  
Appenninicola bellator filius Auni, 700  
haud Ligurum extremus, dum fallere fata sinebant.  
isque ubi se nullo iam cursu evadere pugnae  
posse neque instantem reginam avertere cernit,  
consilio versare dolos ingressus et astu  
incipit haec : "quid tam egregium, si femina forti 705  
fidis equo ? dimitte fugam et te comminus aequo  
mecum crede solo pugnaeque accinge pedestri :  
iam nosces, ventosa ferat cui gloria fraudem."  
dixit, at illa furens acrique accensa dolore  
tradit equum comiti paribusque resistit in armis, 710  
ense pedes nudo puraque interrita parma.  
at iuvenis, viciisse dolo ratus, avolat ipse  
(haud mora) conversisque fugax aufertur habenis  
quadrupedemque citum ferrata calce fatigat.  
"vane Ligus frustraque animis elate superbis, . 715  
neququam patrias temptasti lubricus artis,  
nec fraus te incolumem fallaci perferet Auno."  
haec fatur virgo, et pernicibus ignea plantis  
transit equum cursu frenisque adversa prehensis  
congreditur poenasque inimico ex sanguine sumit : 720  
quam facile accipiter saxo sacer ales ab alto  
consequitur pinnis sublimem in nube columbam  
comprehensamque tenet pedibusque eviscerat uncis ;  
tum crux et volsae labuntur ab aethere plumae.

At non haec nullis hominum sator atque deorum  
observans oculis summo sedet altus Olympo. 726

<sup>708</sup> laudem *M<sup>2</sup>P* (*in an erasure*).

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for mercy ; the wound spatters the face with warm brain. Now fell in her way, and paused in terror at the sudden vision, the warrior son of Aunus, dweller upon the Apennine, not the meanest in Liguria, while Fate allowed him to deceive.<sup>1</sup> He, when he sees that by no fleetness can he escape combat or turn the queen from her onset, essaying to ply guile with policy and craft, thus begins : "What great glory is it, if thou, though a woman, trustest in thy strong steed ? Away with flight ; dare to meet me hand to hand on equal ground, and gird thee to fight afoot ; soon shalt thou know to whom vainglory brings bane." He spake, but she, furious and burning with the bitter smart, passes her horse to a comrade and confronts him in equal arms, afoot and unafraid, with naked sword and shield unblazoned. But the youth, deeming he had won by guile, himself darts away, pausing not, and turning his bridle rushes off in flight, goading his charger to speed with iron spur. " Foolish Ligurian, vainly puffed up in pride of heart, for naught hast thou tried thy slippery native tricks, nor shall thy lies take thee home unscathed to lying Aunus ! " So cries the maiden, and, with fleet foot, swift as lightning, crosses the horse's path, and, seizing the reins, meets him face to face and takes vengeance from his hated blood : lightly as a falcon, bird of prophecy, darting from a lofty rock, o'er takes on her wings a dove in a cloud aloft, then holds her in his clutch and with crooked claws tears out her heart, while blood and rent plumage flutter from the sky.

<sup>725</sup> But not with unseeing eyes the Sire of gods and men sits throned on high Olympus, viewing the

<sup>1</sup> The Ligurians were notorious liars, and so long as he lived he was conspicuous among them.

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Tyrrhenum genitor Tarchonem in proelia saeva  
suscitat et stimulis haud mollibus incutit iras.  
ergo inter caedes cedentiaque agmina Tarchon  
fertur equo variisque instigat vocibus alas, 730  
nomine quemque vocans, reficitque in proelia pulsos.  
“quis metus, o numquam dolituri, o semper inertes  
Tyrreni, quae tanta animis ignavia venit?  
femina palantis agit atque haec agmina vertit?  
quo ferrum quidve haec gerimus tela inrita dextris?  
at non in Venerem segnes nocturnaque bella 736  
aut ubi curva choros indixit tibia Bacchi. MR  
exspectate dapes et plenae pocula mensae  
(hic amor, hoc studium), dum sacra secundus haruspex  
nuntiet ac lucos vocet hostia pinguis in altos.” 740  
haec effatus equum in medios, moriturus et ipse,  
concitat et Venulo adversum se turbidus infert  
dereptumque ab equo dextra complectitur hostem  
et gremium ante suum multa vi concitus aufert.  
tollitur in caelum clamor cunctique Latini 745  
convertere oculos. volat igneus aequore Tarchon,  
arma virumque ferens; tum summa ipsius ab hasta  
defringit ferrum et partis rimatur apertas,  
qua volnus letale ferat; contra ille repugnans  
sustinet a iugulo dextram et vim viribus exit. 750  
utque volans alte raptum cum fulva draconem  
fert aquila implicuitque pedes atque unguibus haesit;  
saucius at serpens sinuosa volumina versat  
arrectisque horret squamis et sibilat ore,  
arduuus insurgens; illa haud minus urget obunco 755

<sup>728</sup> incitat *MPyb*: initit *Rc*: incutit *Heinsius*.

<sup>738</sup> exspectare *inferior MSS.* <sup>742</sup> offert *Ry.*

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scene. He rouses Tyrrhenian Tarchon to the fierce fray, and pricks him to wrath by no gentle spur. So, amid the slaughter and wavering columns, Tarchon rides, and goads his squadrons with diverse cries, calling each man by name, and rallying the routed to the fight. "What fear, ye Tuscans, never to be stung by shame, sluggards always, what utter cowardice has fallen on your hearts? Does a woman drive you in disorder and rout these ranks? To what end bear we the sword? or why these idle weapons in our hands? But not laggard are ye for love and nightly frays, or when the curved flute proclaims the Bacchic dance. Look to the feasts and the cups on the loaded board (this your passion, this your delight!) till the favouring seer announce the sacrifice, and the fat victim call you to the deep groves!" So saying, he spurs his horse into the midst, ready himself also to die, and charges like whirlwind full upon Venulus; then tearing the foe from his steed, grips him with his right hand, clasps him to his breast, and spurring with might and main, carries him off. A shout uprises to heaven, as all the Latins turned their eyes upon the sight. Like lightning flies Tarchon along the plain, the arms and the man before him; then from the head of his foe's spear breaks off the steel, and searches for an unguarded place, where he may deal a deadly wound; the other, struggling against him, keeps the hand from off his throat and baffles force with force. And, as when a tawny eagle, soaring on high, carries a serpent she has caught, her feet entwined and her claws clinging tight, but the wounded snake writhes its sinuous coils, and rears its bristling scales, and hisses with its mouth, towering aloft; she no less with crooked beak assails her

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luctantem rostro, simul aethera verberat alis :  
 haud aliter praedam Tiburtum ex agmine Tarchon M  
 portat ovans. ducis exemplum eventumque secuti  
 Maeonidae incurrunt. tum fatis debitus Arruns  
 velocem iaculo et multa prior arte Camillam 760  
 circuit et, quae sit fortuna facillima, temptat.  
 qua se cumque furens medio tulit agmine virgo,  
 hac Arruns subit et tacitus vestigia lustrat ;  
 qua victrix redit illa pedemque ex hoste reportat,  
 hac iuvenis furtim celeris detorquet habenas. 765  
 hos aditus iamque hos aditus omnemque pererrat  
 undique circuitum et certam quatit improbus hastam.

Forte sacer Cybelo Chloreus olimque sacerdos  
 insignis longe Phrygiis fulgebat in armis  
 spumantemque agitabat equum, quem pellis aenis 770  
 in plumam squamis auro conserta tegebat.  
 ipse peregrina ferrugine clarus et ostro  
 spicula torquebat Lycio Gortynia cornu ;  
 aureus ex umeris erat arcus et aurea vati  
 cassida ; tum croceam chlamydemque sinusque  
 crepantis 775  
 carbaceos fulvo in nodum collegerat auro,  
 pictus acu tunicas et barbara tegmina crurum.  
 hunc virgo, sive ut templis praefigeret arma  
 Troia, captivo sive ut se ferret in auro,  
 venatrix unum ex omni certamine pugnae 780  
 caeca sequebatur totumque inculta per agmen  
 femineo praedae et spoliorum ardebat amore,

<sup>768</sup> Cybelo *Mbc*, *Servius* : Cybele γ : Cybelae *Macrobius*.

<sup>774</sup> umerο γ. erat] sonat γᾱc.

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struggling victim, while her wings flap the air: even so from the Tiburtian line Tarchon carries off his prey in triumph. Following their chief's example and success, Maeonia's sons make onslaught. Then Arruns, due to his fate, circles round fleet Camilla with javelin and deep cunning—in this surpassing her<sup>1</sup>—and tries what chance may be easiest. Wherever the infuriate maid dashed amid the ranks, there Arruns creeps up and silently tracks her footsteps; where she returns victorious and retires from the foe, there the youth stealthily turns his swift reins. This approach he essays, and now that, and traverses the whole circuit round about, the unerring spear quivering in his relentless hand.

<sup>768</sup> It chanced that Chloreas, sacred to Cybelus,<sup>2</sup> and once a priest, glittered resplendent afar in Phrygian armour, and spurred his foaming charger, whose covering was a skin, plumed with brazen scales and clasped with gold. Himself ablaze in the deep hue of foreign purple, he launched Gortynian shafts from Lycian bow: golden was that bow upon his shoulders, and golden was the seer's helmet; his saffron scarf and its rustling linen folds were gathered into a knot by yellow gold; embroidered with the needle were his tunic and barbaric hose. Him, whether in hope to fasten on temple-gate Trojan arms, or to flaunt herself in golden spoil, the maiden, singling out from all the battle fray, blindly pursued in huntress fashion, and recklessly raged through all the ranks with a woman's passion for booty and for

<sup>1</sup> Others take *prior* as meaning "before he strikes," or, like φθόρας, "anticipating her."

<sup>2</sup> As Servius says, Cybelus the mountain is here put for the deity worshipped upon it. Editors commonly read "Cybelae," but the authority for this is weak.

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telum ex insidiis cum tandem tempore capto  
 concitat et superos Arruns sic voce precatur : MP  
 "summe deum, sancti custos Soractis Apollo,  
 quem primi colimus, cui pineus ardor acervo  
 pascitur et medium freti pietate per ignem  
 cultores multa premissus vestigia pruna,  
 da, pater, hoc nostris aboleri dedecus armis,  
 omnipotens. non exuvias pulsa eve tropaeum 785  
 virginis aut spolia ulla peto : mihi cetera laudem  
 facta ferent ; haec dira meo dum volnere pestis  
 pulsa cadat, patrias remeabo inglorius urbes." MPR

Audiit et voti Phoebus succedere partem  
 mente dedit, partem volucris dispersit in auras : 795  
 sterneret ut subita turbatam morte Camillam,  
 adnuit oranti ; reducem ut patria alta videret,  
 non dedit, inque Notos vocem vertere procellae.  
 ergo ubi missa manu sonitum dedit hasta per auras,  
 convertere animos acris oculosque tulere 800  
 cuncti ad reginam Volsci. nihil ipsa nec aurae  
 nec sonitus memor aut venientis ab aethere teli,  
 hasta sub exsertam donec perlata papillam  
 haesit, virgineumque alte bibt acta cruentem.  
 concurrunt trepidae comites dominamque ruentem  
 suscipiunt. fugit ante omnis exterritus Arruns, 806  
 laetitia mixtoque metu, nec iam amplius hastae  
 credere nec telis occurrere virginis audet.  
 ac velut ille, prius quam tela inimica sequantur,

<sup>786</sup> primis P.

<sup>799</sup> ubi] ut *M<sup>2</sup>PR.*

<sup>794</sup> votis *Macrobius.*

<sup>801</sup> auras *bc<sup>2</sup>,* *Servius.*

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spoil : when at length, seizing the chance, Arruns from ambush summons his lance, and thus prays aloud to Heaven :

785 "Apollo, most high of gods, guardian of holy Soracte, whose chief worshippers are we, for whom is fed the blaze of the pine-wood heap, while we thy votaries, passing in strength of faith amid the fire, plant our steps on the deep embers<sup>1</sup>—grant that this shame be effaced by our arms, O Father Almighty ! I seek no plunder, no trophy of the maid's defeat, nor any spoils ; other feats shall bring me fame ; so but this dread scourge fall stricken beneath my blow, inglorious I will return to the cities of my sires."

794 Phoebus heard, and in his heart vouchsafed that half his prayer should prosper ; half he scattered to the flying breezes. To o'erthrow and strike down Camilla in sudden death, he yielded to his prayer ; that his noble country should see his return he granted not, and the blasts bore his accents to the southern gales. Therefore, when the spear, sped from his hand, whizzed through the air, all the Volscians turned their eager eyes and minds upon the queen. She herself, neither of air, nor of sound, nor of weapon coming from the sky recked aught, till the spear, borne home, beneath the bare breast found lodging, and, driven deep, drank her maiden blood. In alarm, her comrades hurry around her, and catch their falling queen. Startled above all, Arruns flees in mingled joy and fear, and no more dares he to trust his lance, or to neet the maiden's weapons. And lo ! even as the wolf, when he has slain a shepherd or a great steer, ere hostile darts can pursue

<sup>1</sup> In the ancient rites on Mount Soracte, the worshippers walked three times through a pine-fire, carrying offerings to the god. Cf. Pliny, *Nat. Hist.* vii. 2, 19.

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continuo in montis sese avius abdidit altos      810  
 occiso pastore lupus magnove iuvenco,  
 conscient audacis facti, caudamque remulcens  
 subiecit pavitantem utero silvasque petivit :  
 haud secus ex oculis se turbidus abstulit Arruns  
 contentusque fuga mediis se immiscuit armis.      815  
 illa manu moriens telum trahit, ossa sed inter  
 ferreus ad costas alto stat volnere mucro.  
 labitur exsanguis, labuntur frigida leto  
 lumina, purpureus quondam color ora reliquit.  
 tum sic exspirans Accam, ex aequalibus unam,      820  
 adloquitur, fida ante alias quae sola Camillae,  
 quicum partiri curas, atque haec ita fatur :  
 "hactenus, Acca soror, potui ; nunc volnus acerbum  
 conficit et tenebris nigrescunt omnia circum.  
 effuge et haec Turno mandata novissima perfer : 825  
 succedat pugnae Troianosque arceat urbe.  
 iamque vale." simul his dictis linquebat habenas,  
 ad terram non sponte fluens. tum frigida toto  
 paulatim exsolvit se corpore lentaque colla  
 et captum Leto posuit caput, arma relinquens,      830  
 vitaque cum gemitu fugit indignata sub umbras.  
 tum vero immensus surgens ferit aurea clamor  
 sidera : deiecta crudescit pugna Camilla ;  
 incurruunt densi simul omnis copia Teucrum  
 Tyrrhenique duces Euandrique Arcades alae.      835  
 At Triviae custos iamdudum in montibus Opis  
 alta sedet summis spectatque interrita pugnas ;  
 utque procul medio iuvenum in clamore furentum

<sup>819</sup> relinquit c.

<sup>821</sup> fidam *M<sup>1</sup>P<sub>2</sub>γ<sup>1</sup>*: fida *M<sup>1</sup>Rc*, *Servius*.

<sup>822</sup> quacum *P<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>2</sup>c.*      <sup>826</sup> urbi *P<sup>1</sup>R*.

<sup>830</sup> relinquens *M* (*corrected from relinquit*) *P<sub>2</sub>γ* : reliquit *R* :  
 relinquunt *Probus*, according to *Servius*.

<sup>836</sup> Tyrrhenumque *M*.      <sup>838</sup> iuvenem *P<sup>1</sup>γ<sup>2</sup>*. furentem *Mγ<sup>2</sup>*.  
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him, straightway plunges by pathless ways among the high mountains, conscious of a reckless deed, and slackening his tail claps it quivering beneath his belly, and seeks the woods: even so does Arruns, in confusion, steal away from sight, and, bent on flight, plunges amidst the armed throng. She, with dying hand, tugs at the dart; but between the bones the iron point stands fast beside the ribs within the deep wound. Bloodless she sinks; her eyes sink, chill with death; the once radiant hue has left her face. Then, as her breath fails, she thus accosts Acca, a maiden of equal years and true to Camilla beyond all else, sole sharer of her cares, and thus she speaks: "Thus far, sister Acca, has my strength availed; now the bitter wound o'erpowers me, and all around grows dim and dark. Haste away, and bear to Turnus this my latest charge, to take my place in the battle, and ward the Trojans from the town. And now farewell!" With these words she dropped the reins, gliding helplessly to earth. Then, growing chill, she slowly freed herself from all the body's bonds, drooped her nerveless neck and the head which Death had seized, letting fall her weapons: and with a moan life passed indignant to the Shades below. Then indeed a boundless uproar rose, striking the golden stars: Camilla fallen, the fight waxes fiercer; on they rush in crowds together, all the Teucrian host, the Tyrrhene chiefs, and Evander's Arcadian squadrons.

<sup>836</sup> But Opis, Trivia's sentinel, has long been seated high on the mountain top, and, undismayed, watches the combat. And when far off, amid the din of

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prospexit tristi mulcatam morte Camillam,  
 ingemuitque deditque has imo pectore voces : 840  
 " heu nimium, virgo, nimium crudele luisti  
 supplicium, Teucros conata lacessere bello !  
 nec tibi desertae in dumis coluisse Dianam  
 profuit aut nostras umero gessisse sagittas.  
 non tamen indecorem tua te regina reliquit 845  
 extrema iam in morte, neque hoc sine nomine letum  
 per gentis erit aut famam patieris inultae.  
 nam quicumque tuum violavit volnere corpus,  
 morte luet merita." fuit ingens monte sub alto  
 regis Dercenni terreno ex aggere bustum 850  
 antiqui Laurentis opaque ilice tectum ;  
 hic dea se primum rapido pulcherrima nisu  
 sistit et Arruntem tumulo speculatur ab alto.  
 ut vidi laetantem animis ac vana tumentem,  
 "cur," inquit, "diversus abis ? huc derige gressum, 855  
 huc periture veni, capias ut digna Camillae  
 praemia. tune etiam telis moriere Diana ?"  
 dixit et aurata volucrem Threissa sagittam  
 deprompsit pharetra cornuque infensa tetendit 850  
 et duxit longe, donec curvata coirent  
 inter se capita et manibus iam tangeret aequis,  
 laeva aciem ferri, dextra nervoque papillam.  
 extemplo teli stridorem aurasque sonantis  
 audiit una Arruns haesitque in corpore ferrum.  
 illum exspirantem socii atque extrema gementem 865  
 oblixi ignoto camporum in pulvere linquunt;  
 Opis ad aetherium pinnis aufertur Olympum.

Prima fugit domina amissa levis ala Camillae,  
 turbati fugiunt Rutuli, fugit acer Atinas,

<sup>849</sup> mulcatam *MPRγ<sup>1</sup>bc<sup>2</sup>*, *Servius* : multatam *c<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>844</sup> sagittas *M* : pharetras *PRγ*.

<sup>845</sup> relinquit *Pγ<sup>1</sup>bc* : relinquit *b<sup>2</sup>*. <sup>852</sup> dea] ea *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>854</sup> laetantem animis *M<sup>1</sup>* : fulgentem armis *M<sup>2</sup>PRγ*.

<sup>856</sup> Camilla *R.*

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raging warriors, she espied Camilla done piteously to death, she sighed and from her heart's depth uttered these words: "Alas! too cruel, too cruel, O maiden, the forfeit thou hast paid for essaying to brave the Teucrians in battle! Naught has it availed thee, all lonely mid the wilds, to have served Diana, or to have carried our shafts upon thy shoulder. Yet thy queen has not left thee unhonoured even in death's last hour; nor shall this thy doom be without renown among the nations, nor shalt thou bear the reproach of one unavenged; for whoso hath with wound profaned thy limbs shall pay the debt of death." Under the mountain height stood a mound of earth, the mighty tomb of Dercennus, Laurentine king of old, screened by shadowy ilex; here first the beauteous goddess, with swift spring, plants her feet, and from the barrow's height espies Arruns. When she saw him exulting in spirit and swelling with pride: "Why," she cries, "strayest so far? Hither turn thy steps, hither come to thy death and for Camilla receive due guerdon! Shalt thou, even thou, die by Diana's darts?" So spake the Thracian nymph, and from gilded quiver plucked a winged shaft, stretched the bow with full intent, and drew it far, till the curving ends should meet together and, with levelled hands, she should touch the steel's point with her left, her breast with her right and with the bow-string. Straightway, at the selfsame moment, Arruns heard the whistling dart and whirring air, and the steel was lodged in his breast. Him, gasping and moaning his last, his forgetful comrades leave on the unknown dust of the plain; Opis wings her way to heavenly Olympus.

<sup>868</sup> First flees, their mistress lost, Camilla's light squadron; in rout flee the Rutulians, flees valiant

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disiectique duces desolatique manipli 870  
 tuta petunt et equis aversi ad moenia tendunt.  
 nec quisquam instantis Teucros letumque ferentis  
 sustentare valet telis aut sistere contra,  
 sed laxos referunt umeris languentibus arcus  
 quadrupedumque putrem cursu quatit ungula  
 campum. 875

volvitur ad muros caligine turbidus atra  
 pulvis et e speculis percussae pectora matres  
 femineum clamorem ad caeli sidera tollunt.  
 qui cursu portas primi inrupere patentis,  
 hos inimica super mixto premit agmine turba, 880  
 nec miseram effugiunt mortem, sed limine in ipso,  
 moenibus in patriis atque intra tuta domorum  
 confixi exspirant animas. pars claudere portas,  
 nec sociis aperire viam nec moenibus audent  
 accipere orantis, oriturque miserrima caedes 885  
 defendantum armis aditus inque arma ruentum.  
 exclusi ante oculos lacrimantumque ora parentum  
 pars in praecipitis fossas urgente ruina  
 volvitur, immissis pars caeca et concita frenis  
 arietat in portas et duros obice postis. 890

ipsae de muris summo certamine matres  
 (monstrat amor verus patriae), ut videre Camillam,  
 tela manu trepidae iaciunt ac robore duro  
 stipitibus ferrum sudibusque imitantur obustis  
 praecipites, primaequi mori pro moenibus ardent. 895

Interea Turnum in silvis saevissimus implet MPR  
 nuntius et iuveni ingentem fert Acca tumultum :  
 deletas Volscorum acies, cecidisse Camillam,  
 ingruere infensos hostis et Marte secundo

<sup>870</sup> defecti *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>871</sup> equos *P<sub>γ</sub>*.

<sup>875</sup> quadripedo *F<sup>1</sup>R*: quadripedem *F<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>877</sup> e omitted *F<sup>1</sup>M<sup>1</sup>b.*

<sup>883</sup> inter *P<sub>γ</sub>*, *Macrobius*.

<sup>895</sup> audent *M<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>2</sup>bc*, *Servius*.

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Atinas ; scattered captains, and troops left leaderless make for shelter, and, wheeling their horses, gallop to the walls. Nor can any with arms check the onset of death-dealing Trojans, nor stand against it, but their unstrung bows they cast on fainting shoulders, and in their galloping course the horse-hoof shakes the crumbling plain. On rolls to the walls a cloud of dust, black and murky, and from the watch-towers mothers, beating their breasts, uplift to the stars of heaven their womanish cries. Upon such as first broke at full speed through the open gates, there presses hard a throng of foes, mingling with their ranks, nor escape they a piteous death, but on the very threshold, their native walls about them, and within the shelter of their homes, they are thrust through, and gasp away their lives. Some close the gates, and dare not open a way to their friends, nor receive them in the town, implore as they may ; and slaughter most pitiful ensues, these guarding the entry sword in hand, and those rushing upon the sword. Shut out before the eyes and gaze of weeping parents, some, driven by the rout, roll headlong into the trenches ; some, charging blindly with loosened rein, batter at the gates and stoutly-barred doors. The very mothers from the walls, in keenest rivalry (true love of country points the way), when they marked Camilla, flung weapons with trembling hands, and hastily do the work of the steel with stout oak-poles and seared stakes, and foremost are fain to die upon their walls.

<sup>896</sup> Meanwhile among the forests the woeful tidings fill Turnus' ears, and Acca brings the warrior her tale of mighty turmoil : the Volscian ranks destroyed, Camilla fallen, the foe fiercely advancing and sweep-

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omnia corripuisse, metum iam ad moenia ferri. 900  
 ille furens (et saeva Iovis sic numina poscunt)  
 deserit obsessos collis, nemora aspera linquit.  
 vix e conspectu exierat campumque tenebat,  
 cum pater Aeneas, saltus ingressus apertos,  
 exsuperatque iugum silvaque evadit opaca. 905  
 sic ambo ad muros rapidi totoque feruntur  
 agmine nec longis inter se passibus absunt;  
 ac simul Aeneas fumantis pulvere campos  
 prospexit longe Laurentiaque agmina vidit,  
 et saevum Aenean adgnovit Turnus in armis 910  
 adventumque pedum flatusque audivit equorum.  
 continuoque ineant pugnas et proelia temptent,  
 ni roseus fessos iam gurgite Phoebus Hibero  
 tinguat equos noctemque die labente reducat.  
 considerunt castris ante urbem et moenia vallant. 915

<sup>901</sup> poscunt] pellunt *R.*

<sup>903</sup> campos *M<sup>1</sup>.*

<sup>910</sup> adgnovit] conspexit *P<sub>γ</sub>.*

<sup>911</sup> adventus *M.* flatum *R.*

<sup>912</sup> ineunt *M<sup>1</sup>b.* temptant *γc.*

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ing the field in triumphant warfare, the panic now passing to the town. He, raging—and Jove's stern will so demands—quits the hills' ambush, and leaves the rough woodland. Scarce had he passed from view and gained the plain, when father Aeneas, entering the unguarded pass, scales the ridge, and issues from the shady wood. So both march toward the walls, swiftly and in full force, nor far distant from each other: and at the same moment Aeneas descried afar the plain smoking with dust, and saw the Laurentine hosts, and Turnus was aware of fell Aeneas in arms, and heard the coming of feet and the snorting of steeds. And straightway would they enter the fray and essay conflict, but ruddy Phoebus now laves his weary team in the Iberian flood, and, as day ebbs, brings back the night. Before the city they encamp and strengthen the ramparts.

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TURNUS ut infractos adverso Marte Latinos                  MPR  
defecisse videt, sua nunc promissa reposci,  
se signari oculis, ultro implacabilis ardet  
attollitque animos. Poenorum qualis in arvis,  
saucius ille gravi venantum volnere pectus,                  5  
tum demum movet arma leo, gaudetque comantis  
executiens cervice <sup>muc.</sup> toros fixumque latronis  
impavidus frangit telum et fremit ore cruento :  
haud secus accenso gliscit violentia Turno.  
tum sic adfatur regem atque ita turbidus infit :                  10  
“ nulla mora in Turno ; nihil est, quod dicta retractent  
ignavi Aeneadae, nec quae pepigere repusent :  
congredior. Fer sacra, pater, et concipe foedus.  
aut hac Dardanium dextra sub Tartara mittam,  
desertorem Asiae, (sedeant spectentque Latini)                  15  
et solus ferro crimen commune refellam,  
aut habeat victos, cedat Lavinia coniunx.”

Olli sedato respondit corde Latinus :  
“ o praestans animi iuvenis, quantum ipse feroci  
virtute exsuperas, tanto me impensis aequum est                  20  
consulere atque omnis metuentem expendere casus.  
sunt tibi regna patris Dauni, sunt oppida capta

16 crimen ferro R.c.

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WHEN Turnus sees the Latins crushed and faint of heart through war's reverse, his own pledge now claimed, and himself the mark of every eye, forthwith he blazes with wrath unappeasable and raises high his spirit. As in Punic fields a lion, when wounded, lo! with grievous stroke of huntsmen in the breast, then only wakes to war, joyously tosses from his neck his shaggy main, and snaps, undaunted, the robber's implanted dart, roaring with blood-stained mouth: even so in Turnus' kindling soul the fury swells. Then thus he accosts the king, and with these wild words begins:

<sup>11</sup> "With Turnus lies no delay! no need is there for the coward sons of Aeneas to recall their words or to renounce their pact! I go to meet him. Bring the holy rites, sire, and frame the covenant. Either with this arm will I hurl to hell the Dardan, the Asian runaway—let the Latins sit and see it—and with my single sword refute the nation's shame;<sup>1</sup> or let him be lord of the vanquished, let Lavinia pass to him as bride!"

<sup>18</sup> To him Latinus with unruffled soul replied: "O youth of matchless spirit, the more in fierce valour thou dost excel, all the more heedfully is it meet that I ponder and with fear weigh every chance. Thou hast thy father Daunus' realms, hast

<sup>1</sup> All are under the slur of cowardice.

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multa manu, nec non aurumque animusque Latino est.  
 sunt aliae innuptae Latio et Laurentibus arvis,  
 nec genus indecores. sine me haec haud ~~rara~~ (molla fatu) 25  
 sublatis aperire dolis, simul hoc animo hauri:  
 me natam nulli veterum sociare procorum  
 fas erat, idque omnes divique hominesque caneabant.  
 victus amore ~~tui~~, cognato sanguine victus,  
 coniugis et maestae lacrimis, vincla omnia rupi: 30  
 promissam eripui genero, arma impia sumpsi.  
 ex illo qui me casus, quae, Turne, sequantur  
 bella vides, quantos primus ~~patiare~~ labores.  
 bis magna victi pugna vix urbe tuemur  
 spes Italas; recalent nostro Tiberina fluenta 35  
 sanguine adhuc campique ingentes ossibus albent.  
~~where am I reading~~ quo referor totiens? quae mentem insaniam mutat?  
 si Turno extincto socios sum adscire paratus,  
 cur non incolumi potius certamina tollo? ~~ad me~~  
 quid consanguinei Rutuli, quid cetera dicet 40  
 Italia, ad mortem si te (Fors dicta refutet!)  
 prodiderim, natam et conubia nostra petentem?  
 respice res bello varias; miserere parentis  
 longaevi, quem nunc ~~una ead~~ maestum patria Ardea longe  
 dividit." haudquaquam dictis violentia Turni 45  
 flectitur; exsuperat magis ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~ante~~ <sup>vane</sup> ~~medendo~~ aegrescitque medendo.  
 ut primum fari potuit, sic institit ore: MR  
 "quam pro me curam geris, hanc precor, optime,  
 pro me

<sup>24</sup> arvis *M*, *Servius*: agris *PRybc.*

<sup>46</sup> ardescitque tuendo (*on margin aegrescit*) *M*.

<sup>47</sup> incipit *M*, *Donatus*.

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many a town thy ~~hand~~<sup>force</sup> has taken ; Latinus, too, has gold and good will. Other unwed maids there are in Latium and Laurentum's fields, and of no ignoble birth. ~~Suffer~~<sup>Allow</sup> me to utter this hard saying, stripped of all disguise, and withal drink this into thy soul : for me to ally my child to any of her old-time wooers, was forbidden, and this all gods and men foretold.<sup>1</sup> Overborne by love of thee, overborne by kindred blood<sup>2</sup> and tears of my sorrowing queen, I broke all ~~fetters~~<sup>chain</sup>, snatched the betrothed from her promised husband, and ~~drew~~<sup>tore</sup> the unholy ~~sword~~<sup>arms</sup>. From that day, Turnus, thou seest what perils, what wars pursue me, what heavy burdens thou above all dost bear. Twice vanquished in mighty battle, we scarce guard within our walls the hopes of Italy ; Tiber's streams are still warm with our blood, the boundless plains still white with our bones. Why drift I back so often ?<sup>3</sup> What madness turns my purpose ? If, with Turnus dead, I am ready to link them to me as allies, why not rather end the strife while he still lives ? What will thy Rutulian kinsmen say, what the rest of Italy, if—Fortune refute the word !—I should betray thee to death, while thou woost our daughter in marriage ? Think on war's changes and chances ; pity thine aged father, whom now his native Ardea parts far away from us in sorrow ! ”

“ In no wise do his words bend the fury of Turnus ; still higher it mounts, more inflamed with the healing. Soon as he could speak he thus began : “ The care thou hast on my behalf, most gracious lord, on my

<sup>1</sup> cf. VII. 95 above.

<sup>2</sup> Amata, wife of Latinus, was sister to Venilia, mother of Turnus.

<sup>3</sup> i.e. from what must be his inevitable decision.

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~~permisit~~ <sup>20th</sup> deponas letumque <sup>tu sanguine</sup> sinas pro laude pacisci.  
et nos tela, pater, ferrumque haud debile dextra 50  
spargimus, et nostro sequitur de volnere sanguis.  
longe illi dea mater erit, quae nube fugacem  
feminea tegat et vanis sese occulat umbris."

At regina, nova pugnae conterrata sorte,  
flebat et ardentem generum moritura tenebat : 55  
" Turne, per has ego te lacrimas, per si quis Amatae  
tangit honos animum (spes tu nunc una, senectae  
tu requies miserae, decus imperiumque Latini  
~~te penes~~, in te omnis domus inclinata recumbit),  
unum oro: desiste manum committere Teucris. 60  
qui te cumque manent isto certamine casus,  
et me, Turne, manent : simul haec invisa relinquam  
lumina nec generum Aenean captiva videbo."  
~~ne~~ accepit vocem lacrimis Lavinia matris  
flagrantis perfusa genas, cui plurimus ignem 65  
subiecit rubor et calefacta per ora cucurrit.  
Indum sanguineo veluti violaverit ostro  
~~si quis ebūr~~, aut mixta rubent ubi lilia multa  
alba rosā : talis virgo dabat ore colores.  
~~but that one~~ illum turbat amor, figitque in virgine voltus. 70  
ardet in arma magis paucisque adfatur Amatam :  
" ne, quaeso, ne me lacrimis neve <sup>oran</sup> omne tanto  
prosequere in duri certamina Martis euntem,  
o mater; neque enim Turno mora libera mortis.  
~~..... as a~~ nuntius haec, Idmon, Phrygio mea dicta tyranno 75  
haud placitura refer : cum primum crastina caelo  
~~red~~ puniceis inventa rotis Aurora rubebit,

<sup>1</sup> cf. v. 230.

<sup>2</sup> In the *Iliad* (at v. 311 ff.) Aeneas is rescued by Aphrodite who spreads before him a fold of her garment. Else-  
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behalf, I pray, resign, and suffer me to barter death for fame. ~~too~~ sire, can scatter darts and ~~weak~~ steel from this right hand, and from ~~my~~ wounds too flows blood. Far from him will be his goddess-mother to shelter the runaway, woman-like, with a cloud, and to conceal herself in empty shadows." <sup>2</sup>

<sup>54</sup> But the queen, dismayed by the new terms of conflict, wept, and clung to her fiery son, ready to die: "Turnus, by these my tears, by aught of reverence for Amata that yet may touch thy heart—thou art now our only hope, thou the comfort of my sad old age; in thine hands are the honour and sovereignty of Latinus, on thee rests all our sinking house—one boon I beg: ~~to~~ fight the Trojans. What perils soever await thee in that combat of thine, await me also, Turnus; with thee I will quit this hateful light, nor ~~in~~ captivity see Aeneas as my son." Lavinia heard her mother's words, her burning cheeks steeped in tears, while a deep blush kindled its fire, and mantled o'er her glowing face. As when one stains Indian ivory with crimson dye, or as when white lilies blush with many a blended rose—such hues her maiden features showed. His love throws into turmoil, and he fastens his looks upon the maid; then, fired yet more for the fray, briefly he addresses Amata:

<sup>72</sup> "Nay, I beseech thee, not with tears, not with such omen, ~~to~~ stern war's conflicts, do thou send me forth, O my mother; nor truly has Turnus freedom to delay his death. Idmon, be my herald and bear this my message to the Phrygian king—message he will not welcome: soon as to-morrow's Dawn, riding in crimson car,~~where~~, where, however, Apollo and Poseidon rescue him in a cloud (*Iliad*, v. 344; xx. 321 ff.; cf. III. 380).

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non Teucros agat in Rutulos ; Teucerum arma  
quiescant

et Rutuli ; nostro dirimamus sanguine bellum ;  
illo quaeratur coniunx Lavinia campo.”

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Haec ubi dicta dedit rapidusque in tecta recessit,  
poscit equos gaudetque tuens ante ora frementis,

Pilumno quos ipsa deus dedit Orithyia,

qui candore nives anteirent, cursibus auras.

circumstant properi aurigae manibusque lassunt 85

pectora plausa cavis et colla comantia pectunt.

ipse definic auro squalentem alboque orichalco

circumdat loriam umeris, simul aptat habendo ferreum

ensemque clipeumque et rubrae cornua cristae,

ensem, quem Dauno ignipotens deus ipse parenti 90

fecerat et Stygia carentem tintinxerat unda.

Exin, quae mediis ingenti adnixa columnae

aedibus adstabat, validam y<sup>i</sup> corripit hastam, MPR

Actoris Aurunci spolium, quassatque trementem

vociferans : “nunc, o numquam frustrata vocatus 95

hasta meos, nunc tempus adest ; te maximus Actor,

te Turni nunc dextra gerit. da sternere corpus

loricamque manu valida lacernare revolsam

semiviri Phrygis et foedate in pulvere crinis

vibratos calido ferro murraque madentis.” 100

his agitur furiis, totoque ardentis ab ore

scintillae absistunt, oculis micat aceribus ignis ;

mugitus veluti cum prima in proelia taurus

terrificos ciet atque frasci in cornua temptat,

arboris obnixus trunko, ventosque lassuit

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ictibus aut sparsa ad pugnam proludit harena.

<sup>79</sup> Rutulum  $b^2c^2$ .

<sup>85</sup> propere  $R\gamma^1$ .

<sup>82</sup> column  $\gamma b^1$ .

<sup>100</sup> cadentis  $P\gamma^1$ .

<sup>102</sup> existunt R.

<sup>103</sup> primam  $M^1$ : primum R.

<sup>104</sup> atque] aut  $M^2PRb^1$ .

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reddens in the sky, let him not lead Teucrians against Rutulians—let Teucrian arms and Rutulians have rest—with our own blood let us settle the war ; on that field be Lavinia wooed and won !”

<sup>81</sup> These words said, with haste withdrawing home, he calls for his steeds, and joys to see them neighing before his face—the steeds that Orithyia’s self gave as a glory to Pilumnus, for that they excelled the snows in whiteness, the gales in speed. The eager chariooteers stand round, patting with hollow palms their sounding chests, and combing their flowing manes. Next he binds upon his shoulders a corslet stiff with gold and pale mountain-bronze ; withal, he fits for wear sword and shield and the horns of his ruddy crest<sup>1</sup>; the sword the divine Lord of Fire had himself wrought for his father Daunus and dipped, all glowing, in the Stygian wave. Then, his mighty spear, which stood leaning upon a giant column amid the hall, he seizes with strong hand, spoil of Auruncan Actor, and shakes it quivering, while he cries aloud : “Now, O spear, that never failed my call, now the hour is come ! Thee mighty Actor once bore ; thee now the hand of Turnus wields. Grant me to lay low the body, with strong hand to tear and rend away the corslet of this Phrygian eunuch, and to defile in dust his locks, crisped with heated iron and bedrenched in myrrh !” Such is the frenzy driving him : from all his face shoot fiery sparks ; his eager eyes flash flame—even as a bull, ere the battle begins, awakes a fearful bellowing, and, essaying to throw wrath into his horns, charges a tree’s trunk ; he lashes the winds with his blows, and paws the sand in prelude for the fray.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The crest rested upon two projecting sockets made of horn.      <sup>2</sup> cf. *Georgics*, III. 232-234.

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Nec minus interea maternis saevus in armis  
 Aeneas acut<sup>1</sup> Martem et se suscitat ira,  
 obfato gaudens componi foedere bellum.  
 tum socios maestique metum solatur Iuli,  
 fata docens, regique iubet responsa Latino  
 certa referre viros et pacis dicere leges.

Postera vix summos spargebat lumine montis  
 orta dies, cum primum alto se gurgite tollunt  
 Solis equi lucemque elatis naribus efflant:  
 campum ad certamen magnae sub moenibus urbis  
 dimensi Rutulique viri Teucrique parabant  
 in medioque locis et dis communibus aras  
 gramineas. alii fontemque ignemque ferebant,  
 velati limo et verbena tempora vincit. procedit legio Ausonidum pilataque plenis  
 agmina se fundunt portis. hinc Troius omnis

Tyrrhenusque ruit variis exercitus armis,  
 haud secus instructi ferro, quam si aspera Martis  
 pugna vocet; nec non mediis in milibus ipsi  
 ductores auro volitant ostroque superbi,  
 et genus Assaraci Mnestheus et fortis Asilas  
 et Messapus equum domitor, Neptunia proles.  
 utque dato signo spatia in sua quisque recessit,  
 defigunt tellure hastas et scuta reclinant.  
 tum studio effusae matres et volgus inermum  
 invalidique senes turris et tecta domorum  
 obsedere, alii portis sublimibus adstant.

At Iuno e summo, qui nunc Albanus habetur

<sup>113</sup> summo M.

<sup>117</sup> demensi *Mγ*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>120</sup> lino MSS. (except two in Paris), Servius: lino given by Servius as the reading attributed to Virgil by Caper and Hyginus.

<sup>124</sup> ferro] bello M.

<sup>126</sup> decori MSS. except M.

<sup>120</sup> telluri R.

<sup>122</sup> et] ac *PRγ*.

<sup>123</sup> instant R.

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<sup>107</sup> Nor less, meantime, Aeneas, fierce in the arms his mother gave,<sup>1</sup> whets his valour and stirs his heart with wrath, rejoicing that the war is settled by the compact offered. Then he comforts his comrades, and sad Iulus' fear, teaching them of fate, and bids bear firm answer to King Latinus and declare the terms of peace.

<sup>113</sup> Scarce was the morrow's dawn sprinkling the mountain-tops with light, what time the Sun's steeds first rise from the deep flood, and breathe light from uplifted nostrils, when Rutulians and Teucrians marched out and made ready the lists for the combat under the great city's walls, and in the midst hearths and grassy altars to their common deities. Others were bringing fountain-water and fire, draped in aprons<sup>2</sup> and their brows bound with vervain. Forth moved the Ausonian host, and troops, close-banded, pour from the crowded gates. On this side streams forth all the Trojan and Tyrrhene host in diverse armament, accoutred in steel, even as though the harsh battle-strife called them. Nor less, amid their thousands, the captains dart to and fro, brilliant in gold and purple, Mnestheus of the line of Assaracus, and brave Asilas, and Messapus, tamer of horses, seed of Neptune. Soon as, on given signal, each has retired to his own ground, they plant their spears in earth, and rest their shields against them. Then, eagerly streaming forth, mothers and the unarmed throng, and feeble old men, have beset towers and house-tops; others stand upon the lofty gates.

<sup>134</sup> But Juno, from the hill-summit now called

<sup>1</sup> Made by Vulcan at the request of Venus; cf. *Aen.* VIII. 608 ff.

<sup>2</sup> The *limus* was an apron worn by priests, so called because it had a transverse stripe of purple.

(*tum neque nomen erat neque honos aut gloria monti*),  
*prospiciens tumulo campum aspectabat et ambas* 136  
*Laurentum Troumque acies urbemque Latini.*  
*extemplo Turni sic est adfata sororem,*  
*diva deam, stagnis quae fluminibusque sonoris*  
*praesidet; hunc illi rex aetheris altus honorem* 140  
*Iuppiter erepta pro virginitate sacravit:*  
*"nympha, decus fluviorum, animo gratissima nostro,*  
*scis ut te cunctis unam, quaecumque Latinae*  
*magnanimi Iovis ingratis ascendere cubile,*  
*prætulerim caelique libens in parte locarim:* 145  
*disce tuum, ne me incuses, Iuturna, dolorem.*  
*qua visa est Fortuna pati Parcaeque sinebant*  
*cedere res Latio, Turnum et tua moenia texi:*  
*nunc iuvenem imparibus video concurrere fatis,*  
*Parcarumque dies et vis inimica propinquat.* 150  
*non pugnani aspicere hanc oculis, non foedera possum.*  
*tu pro germano si quid praesentius audes,*  
*perge; decet, forsitan miseros meliora sequentur."*

Vix ea cum lacrimas oculis Iuturna profudit  
*terque quaterque manu pectus percussit honestum.* 155  
*"non lacrimis hoc tempus," ait Saturnia Juno:*  
*"accelera et fratrem, si quis modus, eripe morti;*  
*aut tu bella cie conceptumque excute foedus.*  
*auctor ego audendi," sic exhortata reliquit*  
*incertam et tristis turbatam vulnere mentis.* 160

Interea reges, ingenti mole Latinus  
*quadriugo vehitur curru, cui tempora circum*  
*aurati bis sex radii fulgentia cingunt,*

<sup>142</sup> carissima *P* *R* *γ*.

<sup>143</sup> Latinis *P* *γ* <sup>1</sup>.

<sup>151</sup> in foedere *M* <sup>1</sup>.

<sup>161</sup> rex ingenti de mole *M* <sup>1</sup>.

<sup>162</sup> quadriga *P* *γ* <sup>1</sup>.

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Alban—at that time the mount had neither name nor fame nor honour—looking forth, gazed upon the plain, upon the double lines of Laurentum and Troy, and upon the city of Latinus. Straightway thus, goddess to goddess, she spake to Turnus' sister, mistress of the meres and sounding rivers: such dignity Jupiter, heaven's high lord, hallowed to her in return for theft of maidenhood: “O nymph, glory of rivers, to my heart most dear, thou knowest how, above all Latin maids that have mounted to high-souled Jove's thankless bed, thee alone I have preferred, and to thee have gladly given a place in heaven: learn, Juturna, the grief that will be thine, so that me thou mayest not blame. Where Fortune seemed to permit, and the Fates suffered Latium's state to prosper, I shielded Turnus and thy city. Now I see the prince confront unequal destiny; and the day of doom and the enemy's stroke draw nigh. Upon this battle, this treaty, mine eyes cannot look: do thou, if thou darest aught of more present help for thy brother's sake, go on; it is thy part. Perchance on the unhappy happier days shall wait.”

<sup>154</sup> Scarcely thus she spake, when Juturna's eyes streamed with tears, and thrice, yea four times, her hand smote her comely breast. “No time is this for tears,” cries Saturnian Juno; “hasten, and if any means there be, snatch thy brother from death; or do thou waken battle, and dash from their hands the treaty they have framed. ‘Tis I who bid thee dare.” Thus having counselled, she left her doubtful and distracted in soul under the cruel wound.

<sup>161</sup> Meanwhile the kings ride forth, Latinus in mighty pomp drawn in four-horse car, twelve golden rays circling his gleaming brows, emblem of his

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Solis avi specimen ; bigis it Turnus in albis,  
bina manu lato <sup>turnus</sup> crisparis hastilia ferro.

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hinc pater Aeneas, Romanae stirpis origo,  
sidereo flagrans clipeo et caelestibus armis,  
et iuxta Ascanius, magnae spes altera Romae,  
procedunt castris, puraque in veste sacerdos  
saetigeri fetum <sup>mar</sup> suis intonsamque bidentem  
attulit admovitque pecus <sup>ad</sup> flagrantibus aris.

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illi ad surgentem conversi lumina solem  
dant fruges manibus salsa et tempora ferro  
summa notant pecudum paterisque altaria libant.

tum pius Aeneas stricto sic ense precatur :

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“ esto nunc Sol testis et haec mihi Terra precanti,  
quam propter tantos potui perferre labores,

et pater omnipotens et tu Saturnia coniunx,

at <sup>iat</sup> iam melior, iam, diva, precor ; tuque inclute Mavors,  
<sup>all</sup> cuncta tuo qui bella, pater, sub numine torques ;

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Fontisque Fluviosque voco, quaeque aetheris alti

<sup>terri</sup> religio et quae caeruleo sunt numina ponto :

cesserit Ausonio si fors victoria Turno,

convenit Euandri victos discedere ad urbem,

cedet Iulus agris, nec post arma ulla rebelles

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Aeneadae referent ferrove haec regna lassent.

sin nostrum adnuerit nobis Victoria Martem

(ut potius reor et potius di numine firment),

non ego nec Teucris Italos parere iubebo

nec mihi regna peto : paribus se legibus ambae

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invictae gentes aeterna in foedera mittant.

<sup>176</sup> precanti *M*, *Servius* : vocanti *PRY<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>178</sup> coniunx] *Iuno M<sup>1</sup>a<sup>2</sup>c*, *Servius* (*cf.* 156).

<sup>184</sup> decedere *M<sup>1</sup>*. <sup>188</sup> propius di *R*. numina *P<sup>2</sup>R<sup>γ</sup>*.

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~~grandfather~~ ancestral Sun ;<sup>1</sup> while Turnus comes behind a snow-white pair, his hand brandishing two spears with broad heads of steel. On this side father Aeneas, source of the Roman stock, ablaze with starry shield and celestial arms, and, close by, Ascanius, second hope of mighty Rome, issue from the camp ; while in spotless raiment a priest has brought the young of a bristly boar and an unshorn sheep of two years old, and set the beasts beside the blazing altars. The heroes, turning their eyes to the rising sun, sprinkle salted meal from their hands, mark the foreheads of the ~~victims~~<sup>innocents</sup> with the knife,<sup>2</sup> and from goblets pour libations on the altars. Then good Aeneas, drawing his sword, thus makes prayer :

" Now be the Sun witness to my call, and this Earth, for whose sake I have been able to endure such travails, and the Father Almighty, and thou his consort, Saturnia—now kindlier, now at last, I pray, O goddess : and thou, famed Mavors, thou the sire that wieldest all warfare under thy sway ; and on Founts and Floods I call, on all the majesty of high heaven and powers that tenant the blue seas : if haply victory fall to Turnus the Ausonian, 'tis agreed that the vanquished withdraw to Evander's city. Iulus shall quit the soil ; nor ever in after-time shall the sons of Aeneas return for renewed war, or attack this realm with the sword. But if Victory grant that the battle be ours—as I rather deem, and so rather may the gods confirm it with their power !—I will not bid the Italians be subject to Teucrians, nor do I seek the realm for mine ; under equal terms let both nations, unconquered, enter upon an everlasting compact.

<sup>1</sup> Latinus was descended from the Sun through Circe, mother of Faunus.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. by cutting off a lock of hair to be burnt.

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sacra deosque dabo ; socer arma Latinus habeto,  
imperium solleme socer ; mihi moenia Teucri  
constituent urbique dabit Lavinia nomen."

Sic prior Aeneas ; sequitur sic deinde Latinus, 195  
suspiciens caelum, tenditque ad sidera dextram :  
" haec eadem, Aenea, terram, mare, sidera iuro,  
Latonaeque genus duplex Ianumque bifrontem  
vimque deum infernam et duri sacraria Ditis ;  
audiat haec genitor, qui foedera fulmine sancit. 200  
tango aras, medios ignis et numina testor :  
nulla dies pacem hanc Italica nec foedera rumpet,  
quo res cumque cadent, nec me vis illa volentem  
avertet, non, si teflurem effundat in undas,  
diluvio miscens, caelumque in Tartara solvat ; 205  
ut sceptrum hoc" (dextra sceptrum nam forte  
gerebat)

" numquam fronde levi fundet virgulta nec umbras,  
cum semel in silvis imo de stirpe recisum  
matre caret posuitque comas et bracchia ferro ;  
olim arbos, nunc artificis manus aere decoro 210  
inclusit patribusque dedit gestare Latinis."  
talibus inter se firmabant foedera dictis  
prospectu in medio procerum. tum rite sacratas  
in flamمام iugulant pecudes et viscera vivis  
eripiunt cumulantque oneratis lancibus aras. 215

At vero Rutulis impar ea pugna videri  
iamdudum et vario miseri pectora motu ;  
tum magis, ut proprius cernunt non viribus aequis.

<sup>202</sup> rumpit *P<sup>1</sup>* : rumpat *P<sup>2</sup>γ.*

<sup>213</sup> prospectu *M* : conspectu other MSS. in omitted *M<sup>1</sup>P<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>1</sup> cf. the oath of Achilles in Homer, *Iliad*, I. 234 ff.  
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Gods and their rites I will give; let Latinus, as my sire, keep the ~~sword~~<sup>dome</sup>; as my sire, keep his ~~wanted~~<sup>accustomed</sup> command. For me, the Teucrians shall raise walls, and Lavinia give ~~the city~~<sup>to the city</sup> her name." <sup>to the city</sup>

<sup>195</sup> Thus first Aeneas, and after him Latinus thus follows, uplifting eyes to heaven, and outstretching his right hand to the stars: "By these same Powers I swear, Aeneas, by Earth, Sea, Stars, Latona's two-fold offspring, and two-faced Janus, and the might of gods below, and the shrines of cruel Dis: may the great ~~Sire~~<sup>Harpies</sup> hear my words who sanctions treaties with his thunderbolt! I touch the altars, I adjure these fires and gods that stand between us: no time shall break this peace and truce for Italy, however things shall issue; nor shall any force turn aside ~~my~~ will; not though, ~~commending~~ all in deluge, it should plunge land into water, and dissolve Heaven into Hell: even as this sceptre"<sup>1</sup> (for ~~happily~~ in his hand he bore his sceptre) "shall never bargeon with light leafage into branch or shade, now that once hewn in the forest from the ~~nether~~ stem, it is reft of its mother, and beneath the steel has shed its leaves and twigs; once a tree, now the craftsman's hand has cased it in seemly bronze and given it to sires of Latium to bear." With such (words) they sealed faith between them, amid the gazing lords; then over the flame duly slay the hallowed beasts, and tear out the live entrails, and pile the altars with laden chargers.

<sup>216</sup> But to the Rutulians long had the battle seemed unequal, and their hearts, ~~swayed to and fro, had~~<sup>long been in</sup> turmoil; and now the more, the more closely they scan its ill-matched strength.<sup>2</sup> Turnus

<sup>2</sup> With *cernunt* one may supply either *pugnam* or *eos* (the combatants). Some regard *non viribus aequis* as an interpolation; Ribbeck thinks the passage is incomplete.

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adiuvat incessu tacito progressus et aram  
 suppliciter venerans demisso lumine Turnus      220  
 tabentesque genae et iuvenali in corpore pallor.  
 quem simul ac Iuturna soror crebrescere vidit  
 sermonem et volgi variare labantia corda,  
 in medias acies, formam adsimulat̄ Camerti  
 (cui genus a proavis ingens clarumque paternae      225  
 nomen erat virtutis et ipse acerrimus armis),  
 in medias dat sese acies, haud nescia rerum,  
 rumoresque serit varios ac talia fatur :  
 " non pudet, o Rutuli, pro cunctis talibus unam  
 obiectare animam ? numerone an viribus aequi      230  
 non sumus ? en, omnes et Troes et Arcades hi sunt,  
 fatalesque manus, infensa Etruria Turno.  
 vix hostem, alterni si congregiamur, habemus.  
 ille quidem ad superos, quorum se devovet aris,  
 succedet fama vivusque per ora feretur ;      235  
 nos patria amissa dominis parere superbis  
 cogemur, qui nunc lenti consedimus arvis."

Talibus incensa est iuvenum sententia dictis  
 iam magis atque magis serpitque per agmina murmur;  
 ipsi Laurentes mutati ipsique Latini.      240  
 qui sibi iam requiem pugnae rebusque salutem  
 sperabant, nunc arma volunt foedusque precantur  
 infectum et Turni sortem miserantur iniquam.  
 his aliud maius Iuturna adiungit et alto  
 dat signum caelo, quo non praesentius ullum      245  
 turbavit mentes Italas monstroque fefellit.  
 namque volans rubra fulvus Iovis ales in aethra  
 litoreas agitabat avis turbamque sonantem

<sup>221</sup> tabentes  $\alpha^3 c$ : pubentes *most MSS.*

<sup>230</sup> an] ac  $P^2$ . aequis  $P\gamma$ .      <sup>232</sup> fatalisque  $P\gamma c$ , *Servius*.

<sup>237</sup> lentis  $\gamma^1$ . armis  $M^1 \gamma^1$  (lentis . . . armis *Bentley*).

<sup>239</sup> iam] tum  $P\gamma$ .      <sup>246</sup> praestantius *R.*

<sup>247</sup> fulvus rubra  $M^1$ . Iovis] acer *P* (*cf. sacer ales*, xi. 721).

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~~added to~~  
 swells the unrest by advancing with noiseless tread  
 and humbly adoring the altar with downcast eyes—  
 swells it by his wasted cheeks and by the pallor of  
 his youthful frame. Soon as Juturna his sister saw  
 these ~~whispers~~ spread, and the hearts of the throng  
 wavering ~~in doubt~~, into the midmost ranks, in feigned  
semblance of Camers—noble his ancestral house,  
 glorious the renown of his father's worth, himself  
 most ~~dear~~ in arms—into the midmost ranks she  
 plunges, knowing well her task, scatters diverse  
 rumours, and thus cries: “Are ye not ashamed,  
 Rutulians, for all a host like ours to set at hazard  
 one single life? In numbers, or in might, are we  
 not their match? All of them, mark you, are here  
 Trojans and Arcadians, and the fate-led bands of  
 Etruria, hostile to Turnus: should but every other man of us join battle, scarce find we, each of us, a  
 foe. He, indeed, shall ~~not fit on~~ fame to the gods,  
 to whose altars he vows his life, and shall move  
 living on the lips of men:<sup>1</sup> we, our country lost,  
 shall ~~bow~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~perforce~~ to haughty masters—we, who  
 to-day sit listless upon the fields!”

238 With such words the warriors' resolve is kindled yet more and more, and a murmur creeps from rank to rank. Even the Laurentines, even the Latins are changed; and they who of late hoped for rest from the fray, and safety for their fortunes, now long for arms, pray the covenant may be undone, and pity Turnus' unjust fate. To these Juturna adds another and mightier impulse, and in high heaven shows a sign, than which none was more potent to confound Italian minds and cheat them with its miracle. For, flying through the ruddy sky, Jove's golden bird was chasing the fowls of the shore and the clamorous

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Georgics*, III. 9.

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agminis aligeri, subito cum lapsus ad undas  
cycnum excellentem pedibus rapit improbus uncis. 250  
arrexere animos Itali cunctaeque volucres  
convertunt clamore fugam (mirabile visu)  
aetheraque obscurant pennis hostemque per auras  
facta nube premunt, donec vi victus et ipso  
pondere defecit praedamque ex unguibus ales 255  
proiecit fluvio, penitusque in nubila fugit.

Tum vero augurium Rutuli clamore salutant  
expediuntque manus, primusque Tolumnius augur  
“hoc erat, hoc, votis,” inquit, “quod saepe petivi.  
accipio, adgnoscoque deos; me, me duce ferrum 260  
corripite, o miseri, quos improbus advena bello  
territat, invalidas ut avis, et litora vestra  
vi populat. petet ille fugam penitusque profundo  
vela dabit. vos unanimi densate catervas  
et regem vobis pugna defendite raptum.” 265

Dixit et adversos telum contorsit in hostis  
procurrens; sonitum dat stridula cornus et auras  
certa secat. simul hoc, simul ingens clamor, et omnes  
turbati cunei calefactaque corda tumultu.  
hasta volans, ut forte novem pulcherrima fratum 270  
corpora constiterant contra, quos fida crearat  
una tot Arcadio coniunx Tyrrhena Gylippo,  
horum unum ad medium, teritur qua sutilis alvo  
balteus et laterum iuncturas fibula mordet,  
egregium forma iuvenem et fulgentibus armis, 275  
transadigit costas fulvaque effundit harena.

<sup>261</sup> miseri] Rutuli γ<sup>2</sup>bc.

<sup>264</sup> densete R, *Servius*.

<sup>273</sup> medium M<sup>1</sup>. alveo P<sup>1</sup>: auro M.

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<sup>1</sup> To indicate their wish to fight, according to *Servius*, this being a *consensio militaris*. Conington renders “make their hands ready to fight.” (So also Benoist.)

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rout of their winged troop, when, swooping suddenly to the water, shameless he snatches up in his crooked talons a stately swan. All alert become the Italians, when lo ! one and all, wondrous to behold, the birds wheel clamorously their flight, and, darkening the sky with wings, in serried cloud drive their foe through the air, till, overborne by the onset and the sheer weight, the bird gave way, dropped the booty from his talons into the stream, and sped far within the clouds.

<sup>267</sup> Then in truth the Rutulians hail the omen with a cheer and spread out their hands.<sup>1</sup> And first of all Tolumnius the augur cries : "This it was, this, that my vows have often sought ! I accept it, I acknowledge the gods. With me, me at your head, snatch up the sword, O hapless people, whom, like frail birds, a shameless alien affrights with war, and rudely ravages your coasts. He too will take to flight, and spread sail far across the deep. Do ye with one accord close up your ranks, and defend in battle the king thus snatched from you !"

<sup>268</sup> He spoke, and, darting forward, hurled his spear full against the foe ; the whistling cornel-shaft sings, and splits the air, unerring. With the deed, at once uprises a mighty shout, the crowds are all confusion, and their hearts heated with turmoil. On flies the spear, where, as it chanced, nine brethren of goodly stature stood in its path—the many borne of one faithful Tuscan wife to Arcadian Gyllippus. One of these near the waist, where the stitched belt chafes the belly, and the buckle bites the linked sides<sup>2</sup>—a youth of comely form and gleaming armour—it pierces clean through the ribs and stretches on the

<sup>1</sup> i.e. the ends of the belt. Others refer the expression to the edges of the ribs.

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at fratres, animosa phalanx accensaque luctu,  
pars gladios stringunt manibus, pars missile ferrum  
corripiunt caecique ruunt. quos agmina contra  
procurrunt Laurentum; hinc densi rursus inundant  
Troes Agyllinique et pictis Arcades armis : 281  
sic omnis amor unus habet decernere ferro.  
diripuere aras, it toto turbida caelo  
tempestas telorum ac ferreus ingruit imber,  
craterasque fociisque ferunt. fugit ipse Latinus 285  
pulsatos referens infecto foedere divos.  
infrenant alii currus aut corpora saltu  
subiciunt in equos et strictis ensibus adsunt.

Messapus regem regisque insigne gerentem  
Tyrrhenum Aulesten, avidus confundere foedus, 290  
adverso proterret equo : ruit ille recedens  
et miser oppositis a tergo involvitur aris  
in caput inque umeros. at fervidus advolat hasta  
Messapus teloque orantem multa trabali  
desuper altus equo graviter ferit atque ita fatur: 295  
“ hoc habet, haec melior magnis data victima divis.”  
concurrunt Itali spoliantque calentia membra.  
obvius ambustum torrem Corynaeus ab ara  
corripit et venienti Ebuso plagamque ferenti  
occupat os flammis : olli ingens barba relaxit 300  
nidoremque ambusta dedit. super ipse secutus  
caesariem laeva turbati corripit hostis  
impressoque genu nitens terrae applicat ipsum ;

<sup>283</sup> it] et *P<sup>1</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*.  
<sup>288</sup> adstant *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>287</sup> aut] et *M*.

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yellow sand. But of his brethren—a gallant band, and fired by grief—part draw their swords, part seize the missile steel, and rush blindly on. Against them charge the Laurentine columns; from their side again pour thickly in Trojans and Agyllines and Arcadians with blazoned arms. Thus all are ruled by one passion, to let the sword decide. Lo! they have stripped the altars; through the whole sky flies a thickening storm of javelins and the iron rain falls fast: bowls and hearth-fires are, carried off. Latinus himself takes flight, bearing back his defeated gods, the covenant now void; the others rein their cars or vault upon their steeds and with drawn swords are on the scene.

<sup>289</sup> Messapus, eager to rend the truce asunder, with charging steed affrights Tuscan Aulestes, a king<sup>1</sup> and wearing a king's device. Backward he rushes, and whirled, poor man, upon the altars behind, is thrown on head and on shoulders. But Messapus flashes forth like fire, spear in hand, and, aloft on his horse, smites heavily down upon him with massive shaft, though sorely he pleads; then cries thus: “He has it;<sup>2</sup> here is a nobler victim given to the mighty gods!” The Italians crowd around and strip his warm limbs. Standing in the path, Corynaeus snatches up a charred brand from the altar, and as Ebysus comes up and aims a blow, dashes flames in his face: his mighty beard blazed up, and sent forth a smell of fire. Then himself pursuing the stroke, he clutches in his left hand the locks of his bewildered foe, and with thrust of his bended knee bears his body to earth, and there

<sup>1</sup> He was an Etruscan *Lucumo* or *Lars*.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. he has his death-blow: an expression used by spectators when a gladiator was struck.

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sic rigido latus ense ferit. Podalirius Alsum,  
pastorem primaque acie per tela ruentem,  
ense sequens nudo superimminet : ille securi  
adversi frontem medium mentumque reducta  
disicit et sparso late rigat arma crux.  
olli dura quies oculos et ferreus urget  
somnus, in aeternam clauduntur lumina noctem. 310

At pius Aeneas dextram tendebat inermem  
nudato capite atque suos clamore vocabat :  
“ quo ruitis ? quaeve ista repens discordia surgit ?  
o cohibete iras ! ictum iam foedus et omnes  
compositae leges ; mihi ius concurrere soli ; 315  
me sinite atque auferite metus ; ego foedera faxo  
firma manu ; Turnum debent haec iam mihi sacra.”  
has inter voces, media inter talia verba,  
ecce viro stridens alis adlapsa sagitta est,  
incertum qua pulsa manu, quo turbine adacta, 320  
quis tantam Rutulis laudem, casusne deusne,  
attulerit : pressa est insignis gloria facti  
nec sese Aeneae iactavit volnere quisquam.

Turnus ut Aenean cedentem ex agmine vidit  
turbatosque duces, subita spe fervidus ardet ;  
poscit equos atque arma simul saltuque superbos  
emicit in currum et manibus molitur habenas.  
multa virum volitans dat fortia corpora Leto,  
seminèces vòlvit multos aut agmina curru  
proferit aut raptas fugientibus ingerit hastas. 330  
qualis apud gelidi cum flumina concitus Hebrei  
sanguineus Mavors clipeo intonat atque furentis  
bella movens immittit equos ; illi aequore aperto  
ante Notos Zephyrumque volant, gemit ultima pulsu

<sup>304</sup> feret *M<sup>1</sup>*. pedit *P*.

<sup>310</sup> conduntur *P*.

<sup>311</sup> inertem *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>313</sup> quaeve] quoive *R*.

<sup>321</sup> -ve . . . -ve *M*.

<sup>330</sup> aut] et *R*.

<sup>332</sup> increpat *P<sub>y</sub>*, *Servius*. furentis] furenti *R*: prementi *M<sup>1</sup>*.

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smites his side with unyielding sword. Podalirius, pursuing with naked steel, overhangs the shepherd Alsus, as in foremost line he rushes amid the darts; but Alsus, swinging back his axe, severs full in front his enemy's brow and chin, and drenches his armour with widely spattered gore. Stern repose and iron slumber press upon his eyes, and their orbs close in everlasting night.

<sup>311</sup> But good Aeneas, with head bared, was stretching forth his unarmed hand, and calling loudly to his men: "Whither do ye rush? What means this sudden outburst of strife? O curb your rage! Truce is already stricken, and all its terms fixed; mine alone is the right to do battle. Give me way and banish fears; this hand shall prove the treaty true; already these rites make Turnus mine!" Amid these cries, amid such words, lo! against him a whizzing arrow winged its way, launched by what hand, sped whirling by whom, none knows, nor who—chance or god—brought Rutulians such honour: hidden is the fame of that high deed, and no one vaunted him of the wounding of Aeneas.

<sup>324</sup> Soon as Turnus saw Aeneas withdrawing from the ranks, and his captains in confusion, he glows with the fire of sudden hope, calls for horses, calls for arms, with a bound leaps proudly into his chariot, and firmly grasps the reins. In his swift course many a brave man's body he gives to death; many a man he tumbles half-slain, or crushes whole ranks beneath his car, or, seizing spear after spear, showers them upon the fugitives. Even as when, at full speed, by the streams of icy Hebrus blood-stained Mavors thunders with his shield, and, rousing war, gives rein to his frenzied steeds; they o'er the open plain outstrip the South wind and the West; utmost

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Thraca pedum circumque atrae Formidinis ora 335  
 Iraeque Insidiaequa, dei comitatus, aguntur :  
 talis equos alacer media inter proelia Turnus  
 fumantis sudore quatit, miserabile caesis  
 hostibus insultans : spargit rapida ungula rores  
 sanguineos mixtaque crux calcatur harena. 340  
 iamque Neci Sthenelumque dedit Thamyrumque  
 Pholumque,  
 hunc congressus et hunc, illum eminus ; eminus  
 ambo  
 Imbrasidas, Glaucum atque Laden, quos Imbra-  
 sus ipse  
 nutrierat Lycia paribusque ornaverat armis,  
 vel conferre manum vel equo praevertere ventos. 345  
 Parte alia media Eumedes in proelia fertur,  
 antiqui proles bello praeclara Dolonis,  
 nomine avum referens, animo manibusque parentem,  
 qui quondam, castra ut Danaum speculator adiret,  
 ausus Pelidae pretium sibi poscere currus : 350  
 illum Tydides alio pro talibus ausis  
 adfecit pretio, nec equis adspirat Achillis.  
 hunc procul ut campo Turnus prospexit aperto,  
 ante levi iaculo longum per inane secutus,  
 sistit equos biiugis et curru desilit atque 355  
 semianimi lapsoque supervenit, et pede collo  
 impresso dextrae mucronem extorquet et alto  
 fulgentem tinguit iugulo atque haec insuper addit :  
 "en agros et quam bello, Troiane, petisti,  
 Hesperiam metire iacens : haec praemia, qui me 360  
 ferro ausi temptare, ferunt, sic moenia condunt."

<sup>356</sup> elapsoque *P<sup>1</sup>*, *Servius.*  
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<sup>357</sup> espresso *M<sup>1</sup>*. dextra *R<sup>Y<sup>1</sup></sup>*.

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Thrace moans with the beat of their hoofs, and around him speed black Terror's forms, and Anger, and Ambush, attendants on the god: with like eagerness amid the fray Turnus goads his sweat-smoking horses, piteously trampling on the slain foe; the galloping hoof splashes bloody dews, and spurns the gore and mingled sand. And now he has given Sthenelus to death, and Thamyrus, and Pholus, these in close encounter, the first from afar; from afar the sons of Imbrasus, Glaucus and Lades, whom Imbrasus himself had nurtured in Lycia and equipped with like arms, either to fight hand to hand or on horseback to outstrip the winds.

<sup>346</sup> Elsewhere Eumedes rides to the midmost fray, war-famed scion of ancient Dolon, in name renewing his grandsire, in heart and hand his sire, who of old, for going in espial to the Danaan camp, dared to ask as his wage the car of Peleus' son; but for such daring far other wage did the son of Tydeus pay him, and no more sets he his hopes upon Achilles' steeds.<sup>1</sup> Him Turnus descries afar on the open plain, and, first following him with light javelin through the long space between them, then stays his twin-yoked steeds, and leaps from his car; now descends on the fallen, dying man, and, planting his foot on his neck, wrests the sword from his hand, dyes the glittering blade deep in his throat, and adds these words withal: "Lo! Trojan, lie there, and measure out the fields and that Hesperia thou didst seek in war: such meed is theirs, who dare to tempt me with the sword; so stablish they their walls!" Then with

<sup>1</sup> The story of Dolon, who for the promised reward of Achilles' chariot and horses undertook to explore by night the Grecian camp, but was put to death by Diomede, the son of Tydeus, is told in Homer, *Iliad*, x. 314 ff.

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huic comitem Asbyten coniecta cuspide mittit  
 Chloreaque Sybarimque Daretaque Thersilochumque  
 et sternacis equi lapsum cervice Thymoeten. 365  
 ac velut Edoni Boreae cum spiritus alto  
 insonat Aegaeo sequiturque ad litora fluctus ;  
 qua venti incubuere, fugam dant nubila caelo :  
 sic Turno, quacumque viam secat, agmina cedunt  
 conversaeque ruunt acies ; fert impetus ipsum  
 et cristam adverso curru quatit aura volantem. 370  
 non tulit instantem Phegeus animisque frementem :  
 obiecit sese ad currum et spumantia frenis  
 ora citatorum dextra detorsit equorum.  
 dum trahitur pendetque iugis, hunc lata reiectum  
 lancea consequitur rumpitque infixa bilicem 375  
 loricam et sumnum degustat volnere corpus.  
 ille tamen clipeo obiecto conversus in hostem  
 ibat et auxilium ducto mucrone petebat,  
 cum rota praecipitem et procursu concitus axis  
 impulit effunditque solo, Turnusque secutus 380  
 imam inter galeam summi thoracis et oras  
 abstulit ense caput truncumque reliquit harenæ.

Atque ea dum campis victor dat funera Turnus,  
 interea Aenean Mnestheus et fidus Achates  
 Ascaniusque comes castris statuere cruentum, 385  
 alternos longa nitentem cuspide gressus.  
 saevit et infracta luctatur harundine telum  
 eripere auxilioque viam, quae proxima, poscit ;  
 ensæ secent lato volnus telique latebras  
 rescindant penitus, seseque in bella remittant. 390  
 iamque aderat Phœbo ante alios dilectus Iapyx  
<sup>380</sup> effudit Rγ.      <sup>382</sup> harena Rγ.  
<sup>385</sup> comes] puer R.      <sup>389</sup> latebram PR.

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cast of spear he sends Asbytes to bear him company, and Chloreus and Sybaris, Dares and Thersilochus, and Thymoetes, flung from the neck of his restive horse. And as when the blast of the Edonian North-wind roars on the deep Aegean, and drives the billows shoreward; where the winds swoop, the clouds scud through the sky: so, wherever Turnus cleaves a path, the ranks give way, and lines turn and run; his own speed bears him on, and the breeze, as his chariot meets it, tosses his flying plume. Phegeus brooked not his onset and fiery rage; before the chariot he flung himself, and with his right hand wrenched aside the jaws of the furious steeds, foaming on the bits. While he is dragged along clinging to the yoke, the broad spear-head reaches his unguarded side, rends the two-plated corslet where it lodged, and with its wound just grazes the surface of the flesh. Yet he, with shield before him, turned and was making for his foe, seeking succour from his drawn sword, when the wheel and axle, whirling onward, struck him headlong and flung him to the ground, and Turnus, following, with sweep of blade between the helmet's lowest rim and the breastplate's upper edge, smote off his head, and left the trunk upon the sand.

<sup>388</sup> And while Turnus thus victoriously deals havoc over the plains, Mnestheus meantime and loyal Achates, and Ascanius by their side, set down Aeneas in the camp, all bleeding and staying every other step upon his long spear. Raging, he struggles to pluck out the head of the broken shaft, and calls for the nearest road to relief, bidding them with broad sword cut the wound, tear open to the bottom the weapon's lair, and send him back to battle. And now drew near Iapyx, Iasus' son, dearest beyond

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*in uideat rura*

Iasides, acri quondam cui captus amore  
 ipse suas artis, sua munera, laetus Apόllo  
 augurium citharamque dabat celerisque sagittas. 395  
 ille ut depositi proferret fata parentis,  
 scire p̄testates herbarum usumque medendi  
 maluit et mutas agitare inglorius artis.  
 stabat acerba fremens, ingentem nixus in hastam,  
 Aeneas, magno iuvenum et maerentis Iuli  
 concursu, lacrimis immobilis. ille retorto 400  
 Paeonium in morem senior succinctus amictu  
 multa manu medica Phoebique potentibus herbis  
 nequ quam trepidat, nequ quam spicula dextra  
 sollicitat prensatque tenaci forcipe ferrum.  
 nulla viam Fortuna regit, nihil auctor Apollo 405  
 subvenit, et saevus campis magis ac magis horror  
 crebrescit propiusque malum est. iam pulvere caelum  
 stare vident, subeunt equites et spicula castris  
 densa cadunt mediis. it tristis ad aethera clamor  
 bellantum iuvenum et duro sub Marte cadentum. 410

Hic Venus, indigno nati concussa dolore,  
 dictamnum genetrix Creta carpit ab Ida,  
 puberibus caulem foliis et flore comantem  
 purpureo; non illa feris incognita capris  
 gramina, cum tergo volucres haesere sagittae. 415  
 hoc Venus, obscuro faciem circumdata nimbo,  
 detulit, hoc fusum labris splendentibus amnem  
 inficit, occulte medicans, spargitque salubris

<sup>394</sup> dabat *PR*, “vera lectio” (*Servius*): dedit *M*: dedi γ<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>397</sup> multas *P̄c*<sup>1</sup>. <sup>398</sup> fixus *M*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>400</sup> reporto *R*. <sup>401</sup> Paeonidum *M*: Paeonum *P*.

<sup>404</sup> pressat *R*. <sup>408</sup> subeuntque *R*.

<sup>417</sup> pendentibus *R*: plendentibus *P*.

<sup>1</sup> i.e. unlike music and prophecy, wherein the voice is used. But the idea of obscurity is also included, for the profession of medicine does not lead to great fame.

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others to Phoebus, to whom once gladly did Apollo's self, with love's sting smitten, offer his own arts, his own powers—his augury, his lyre and swift arrows. He, to defer the fate of a sire sick unto death, chose rather to know the virtues of herbs and the practice of healing, and to ply, inglorious, the silent arts.<sup>1</sup> Bitterly chafing, Aeneas stood propped on his mighty spear, amid a great concourse of warriors along with sorrowing Iulus, himself unmoved by their tears. The aged leech, with robe rolled back, and girt in Paeonian fashion, with healing hand and Phoebus' potent herbs makes much ado—in vain; in vain with his hand pulls at the dart, and with gripping tongs tugs at the steel. No Fortune guides his path, in no wise does Apollo's counsel aid: and more and more the fierce alarm swells o'er the plains, and nigher draws disaster. Now they see the sky ~~upborne~~ on columns of dust; on come the horsemen, and shafts fall thick amidst the camp. Heavenward mounts the dismal cry of men that fight and men that fall beneath the stern War-god's hand.

<sup>411</sup> Hereupon Venus, smitten by her son's cruel pain, with a mother's care plucks from Cretan Ida a dittany<sup>2</sup> stalk, clothed with downy leaves and purple flower; not unknown is that herb to wild goats, when winged arrows have lodged in their flank. This Venus bore down, her face veiled in dim mist; this she ~~steeps~~ with secret healing in the river-water poured into bright-brimming ewer, and

<sup>2</sup> The dittany (*dictamnus*) takes its name from Mt. Dicte in Crete, where, according to Aristotle, Cicero and others, wild goats found a cure for their wounds in the eating of the herb.

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ambrosiae sucos et odoriferam panaceam.

<sup>sooths</sup> fovit ea volnus lympha longaevus Iapyx

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ignorans, subitoque omnis de corpore fugit

quippe dolor, omnis stetit <sup>in</sup> volnere sanguis.

iamque secuta manum nullo <sup>nocte faciens</sup> cogente sagitta

excidit, atque novae rediere in <sup>stetit</sup> priſma vires.

“arma citi prōperate viro ! quid statis ?” Iapyx 425  
conclamat primusque animos accedit in hostem.

“ non haec humanis opibus, non arte magistra  
proveniunt, neque te, Aenea, mea dextera servat:  
maior agit deus atque opera ad maiora remittit.”

ille avidus pugnae suras incluserat auro <sup>tegulae</sup> 430

hinc atque hinc oditque moras hastamque <sup>flammea</sup> coruscat.

postquam <sup>adsum</sup> habilis lateri clipeus loricaque tergo est,

Ascanium fusis circum complectitur armis

summaque per galēam délibanis oscula fatur :

“ disce, puer, virtutem ex me verumque laborem, 435  
fortunam ex aliis. nunc te mea dextera bello

defensum dabit et magna inter praemia ducet :

tu facito, mox cum matura adoleverit aetas,

sis memor et te animo <sup>repetentem</sup> exempla tuorum

et pater Aeneas et avunculus excitet Hector.” 440

Haec ubi dicta dedit, portis sese extulit ingens,

telum immane manu quatiens; simul agmine denso

Antheusque Mnestheusque ruunt omnisque relictis

turba fluit castris. tum caeco pulvere campus

miscetur pulsuque pedum tremit excita tellus. 445

vidit ab adverso venientis aggere Turnus,

videre Ausonii, gelidusque per ima cucurrit

<sup>421-425</sup> omitted  $\gamma^1$ . <sup>422</sup> in volnere  $P^2R\gamma^2$ .

<sup>423</sup> manu  $M^1P^2\gamma^2$ : manus  $P^1\gamma^1$ .

<sup>428</sup> te omitted  $M^1$ . <sup>444</sup> ruit P.

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sprinkles ambrosia's healthful juices and fragrant panacea.<sup>1</sup> With that water aged Iapyx laved the wound, unwitting ; and suddenly, of a truth, all pain fled from the body, all blood was staunched deep in the wound. And now, following his hand, without constraint, the arrow fell out, and newborn strength returned, as of yore. "Quick ! bring him arms ! Why stand ye ?" loudly cries Iapyx, foremost to fire their spirit against the foe. "Not by mortal aid comes this, not by masterful art, nor doth hand of mine save thee, Aeneas ; a mightier one—a god—works here, and sends thee back to mightier deeds." He, eager for the fray, had sheathed his legs in gold, on right and left, and, scorning delay, is brandishing his spear. Soon as the shield is fitted to his side, and the corslet to his back, he clasps Ascanius in armed embrace, and, lightly kissing his lips through the helm, he cries : "Learn valour from me, my son, and true toil ; fortune from others. To-day my hand shall shield thee in war and lead thee where are great rewards : see thou, when soon thy years have grown to ripeness, that thou be mindful thereof, and, as thou recallest the pattern of thy kin, let thy sire Aeneas, and thy uncle Hector stir thy soul !"

<sup>441</sup> These words uttered, forth from the gates he passed in his might, his hand brandishing a massive spear : with him rush Antheus and Mnestheus in serried column, and all the throng streams from the forsaken camp. Then the plain is a turmoil of blinding dust, and the startled earth trembles under the tramp of feet. From the facing rampart Turnus saw them coming ; the Ausonians saw, and a cold

<sup>1</sup> Ambrosia, food of immortals, and panacea, the "cure for all," are two mythical plants.

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ossa tremor ; prima ante omnis Iuturna Latinos  
audiit adgnovitque sonum et tremefacta refugit.  
ille volat campoque atrum rapit agmen aperto. 450  
qualis ubi ad terras abrupto sidere nimbus  
it mare per medium ; miseris, heu, praescia longe  
horrescunt corda agricolis ; dabit ille ruinas  
arboribus stragemque satis, ruet omnia late ;  
ante volant sonitumque ferunt ad litora venti : 455  
talis in aduersos ductor Rhoeteius hostis MPRV  
agmen agit, densi cuneis se quisque coactis  
adglomerant. ferit ense gravem Thymbraeus Osinim,  
Arcetium Mnestheus, Epulonem obtruncat Achates,  
Ufentemque Gyas; cadit ipse Tolumnius augur, 460  
primus in aduersos telum qui torserat hostis.  
tollitur in caelum clamor versique vicissim  
pulverulenta fuga Rutuli dant terga per agros.  
ipse neque aversos dignatur sternere morti  
nec pede congressos aequo nec tela ferentis 465  
insequitur ; solum densa in caligine Turnum  
vestigat lustrans, solum in certamina poscit.

Hoc concussa metu mentem Iuturna virago  
aurigam Turni media inter lora Metiscum  
excutit et longe lapsum temone relinquit ; 470  
ipsa subit manibusque undantis flectit habenas,  
cuncta gerens, vocemque et corpus et arma Metisci.  
nigra velut magnas domini cum divitis aedes  
pervolat et pinnis alta atria lustrat hirundo,  
pabula parva legens nidisque loquacibus escas, 475

<sup>449</sup> adgnoscit *P.*

<sup>454</sup> ruit *M.*

<sup>455</sup> volans *MP<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>.*

<sup>457</sup> coacti *M<sup>2</sup>.*

<sup>464</sup> aduersos *MPγ.*

<sup>470</sup> reliquit *M<sup>1</sup>PRγ.*

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shudder ran through their inmost marrow: first before all the Latins Juturna heard and knew the sound, and in terror fled away. Aeneas wings his way, and sweeps his dark column over the open plain. As when a tempest bursts, and a storm-cloud moves towards land through mid-ocean, the hearts of hapless husbandmen, alas! know it from far and shudder—downfall will it bring to trees and havoc to crops, it will o'erthrow all far and wide—before it fly the winds, and waft their voices shoreward: even so the Rhoeteian<sup>1</sup> chief full against the foe brings up his band; densely they gather, each and all, to his side in close-packed columns. Thymbræus smites mighty Osiris with the sword, Mnestheus slays Arcetius, Achates Epulo, Gyas Ufens; falls too even the augur Tolumnius, who first had hurled his spear full against the foe. A shout rises to heaven, and in turn the routed Rutulians mid clouds of dust turn their backs in flight across the fields. Himself he deigns not to lay low the fugitives in death nor assails he such as meet him foot to foot or wield their darts: Turnus alone he, with searching glance, tracks out through the thick gloom, alone summons to battle.

<sup>468</sup> Stricken in heart with such fear, Juturna, the warrior-maid, flings forth Metiscus, Turnus' charioteer, from amid his reins, and leaves him afar, fallen from the pole; herself takes his place, and guides with her hands the flowing thongs, assuming all that Metiscus had,—his voice, form, arms. As when a black swallow flits through a rich lord's ample mansion and wings her way through stately halls, gleaning for her chirping nestlings tiny crumbs

<sup>1</sup> i.e. Trojan.

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et nunc porticibus vacuis, nunc umida circum  
 stagna sonat : similis medios Iuturna per hostis  
 fertur equis rapidoque volans obit omnia curru,  
 iamque hic germanum iamque hic ostentat ovantem,  
 nec conferre manum patitur, volat avia longe.      480  
 haud minus Aeneas tortos legit obvius orbis  
 vestigatque virum et disiecta per agmina magna  
 voce vocat. quotiens oculos coniecit in hostem  
 alipedumque fugam cursu temptavit equorum,  
 aversos totiens currus Iuturna retorsit.      485  
 heu, quid agat? vario neququam fluctuat aestu  
 diversaeque vocant animum in contraria curae.  
 huic Messapus, uti laeva duo forte gerebat  
 lenta, levis cursu, praefixa hastilia ferro,  
 horum unum certo contorquens derigit ictu.      490  
 substitit Aeneas et se collegit in arma,  
 poplite subsidens; apicem tamen incita summum  
 hasta tulit summasque excussit vertice cristas.  
 tum vero adsurgunt irae, insidiisque subactus,  
 diversos ubi sentit equos currumque referri,      495  
 multa Iovem et laesi testatus foederis aras  
 iam tandem invadit medios et Marte secundo  
 terribilis saevam nullo discrimine caedem  
 suscit irarumque omnis effundit habenas.

Quis mihi nunc tot acerba deus, quis carmine caedes  
 diversas obitumque ducum, quos aequore toto      501  
 inque vicem nunc Turnus agit, nunc Troi heros,  
 expediatur? tantum placuit concurrere motu,  
 Iuppiter, aeterna gentis in pace futuras?  
 Aeneas Rutulum Sucronem (ea prima ruentis      505

<sup>479</sup> ostendit *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>481</sup> totos *V.*

<sup>485</sup> adversos *M<sup>2</sup>* *yc.*

<sup>495</sup> sentit *M*: sensit *most MSS.*

<sup>496</sup> testatur *PR.*

<sup>505</sup> furentis *V.*

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and scraps of food, and twitters now in the empty courts, now about the watery pools : even so Juturna is borne by the steeds through the enemy's midst, and winging her way in swift chariot scours all the field. And now here, and now there, she displays her triumphant brother, yet suffers him not to close in fight, but flits far away. None the less Aeneas threads the winding maze to meet him, and tracks his steps, and amid the scattered ranks with loud cry calls him. Oft as he cast eyes on his foe and strove by running to match the flight of the winged steeds, so oft Juturna turned and wheeled her car. Ah, what to do ? Vainly he tosses on a shifting tide, and conflicting cares call his mind this way and that. Against him Messapus, who haply in left hand bore two tough shafts tipped with steel, lightly advancing, levels one and whirls it with unerring stroke. Aeneas halted, and gathered himself behind his shield, sinking upon his knee ; yet the swift spear bore off his helmet-peak, and dashed from his head the topmost plumes. Then indeed his wrath swells, and o'erborne by the treachery, when he sees that the steeds and chariot of his foe are withdrawn afar, having oft appealed to Jove and the altars of the broken treaty, now at last he plunges into the midst, and adown the tide of war terribly awakes grim indiscriminate carnage, flinging loose all the reins of passion.

<sup>500</sup> What god can now unfold for me so many horrors, who in song can tell such diverse deaths, and the fall of captains, whom now Turnus, now the Trojan hero, drives in turn o'er all the plain ? Was it thy will, O Jupiter, that in so vast a shock should clash nations that thereafter would dwell in everlasting peace ? Aeneas, meeting Rutulian Sucro,—that

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pugna loco statuit Teucros), haud multa morantem,  
excipit in latus et, qua fata celerrima, crudum  
transadigit costas et cratis pectoris ensem. MPR  
Turnus equo deiectum Amycum fratremque Diorem,  
congressus pedes, hunc venientem cuspide longa, 510  
hunc mucrone ferit curruque abscisa duorum  
suspendit capita et rorantia sanguine portat.  
ille Talon Tanaimque Neci fortemque Cethegum,  
tris uno congressu, et maestum mittit Oniten,  
nomen Echionium matrisque genus Peridia; 515  
hic fratres Lycia missos et Apollinis agris  
et iuvenem exosum neququam bella Menoeten,  
Arcada, piscosae cui circum flumina Lernae  
ars fuerat pauperque domus nec nota potentum  
limina conductaque pater tellure serebat. 520  
ac velut immissi diversis partibus ignes  
arentem in silvam et virgulta sonantia lauro,  
aut ubi decursu rapido de montibus altis  
dant sonitum spumosi amnes et in aequora currunt  
quisque suum populatus iter: non segnius ambo 525  
Aeneas Turnusque ruunt per proelia; nunc, nunc  
fluctuat ira intus, rumpuntur nescia vinci  
pectoris, nunc totis in volnera viribus itur.

Murranum hic, atavos et avorum antiqua sonantem  
nomina per regesque actum genus omne Latinos, 530  
praecipitem scopulo atque ingentis turbine saxi  
executit effunditque solo: hunc lora et iuga subter  
provolvere rotae, crebro super ungula pulsu

<sup>506</sup> morantis *V.* <sup>511</sup> abscissa *MR.*

<sup>515</sup> nomine *M*, known to *Servius*: nomine chionium *Ry.*

<sup>520</sup> limina *M*: munera most *MSS.* and *Servius*. sedebat *M<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>522</sup> ardenter *M<sup>1</sup>*. <sup>532</sup> execut] excipit *M.*

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combat first brought the Trojan onset to a stand—with brief delay smites him upon the flank, and, where death comes speediest, drives the cruel steel through the ribs that fence the chest. Turnus dismounts Amycus and his brother Diores, and, assailing them on foot, strikes the one with long spear as he advances, the other with his sword ; then, hanging from his car the severed heads of the twain, he bears them off dripping with blood. Aeneas sends to death Talos and Tanais and brave Cethagus, three at one onslaught, and sad Onites, of Echionian name,<sup>1</sup> whose mother was Peridia ; Turnus the brothers sent from Lycia and Apollo's fields,<sup>2</sup> and young Menoetes of Arcadia, who loathed warfare in vain : round fish-haunted Lerna's streams had been his craft and humble home, nor knew he the portals of the great, but his father sowed on hired soil. And like fires launched from opposing sides upon a dry forest and thickets of crackling laurel, or as when in swift descent from mountain-heights foaming rivers roar and race seaward, each leaving its own path waste : with no less fury the twain, Aeneas and Turnus, sweep through the battle ; now, now wrath surges within them ; bursting are their hearts, knowing not to yield ; now, with main strength, they rush upon wounds.

529 Murranus, as he vaunts of grandsires, and grandsires' sires of ancient name, and a whole line traced through Latin kings, headlong with a stone and mighty whirling rock Aeneas dashes down and tumbles on the ground ; under reins and yoke the wheels rolled him along, and o'er him, trampling him

<sup>1</sup> i.e. of Theban name or stock. Echion was the mythical founder of Thebes.

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Aen.* x. 126. Lycia was a favourite haunt of Apollo.

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incita nec domini memorum proculcat equorum.  
ille ruenti Hyllo animisque immane frementi      535  
occurrit telumque aurata ad tempora torquet :  
olli per galeam fixo stetit hasta cerebro.  
dextera nec tua te, Graium fortissime Cretheu,  
eripuit Turno, nec di texere Cupencum,  
Aenea veniente, sui ; dedit obvia ferro      540  
pectoris nec misero clipei mora profuit aerei.  
te quoque Laurentes viderunt, Aeole, campi  
oppetere et late terram consternere tergo :  
occidis, Argivae quem non potuere phalanges  
sternere nec Priami regnorum evensor Achilles ;      545  
hic tibi mortis erant metae, domus alta sub Ida,  
Lyrnesi domus alta, solo Laurente sepulchrum.  
totae adeo conversae acies omnesque Latini,  
omnes Dardanidae, Mnestheus acerque Serestus  
et Messapus equum domitor et fortis Asilas      550  
Tuscorumque phalanx Euandrique Arcades alae,  
pro se quisque viri summa nituntur opum vi ;  
nec mora nec requies, vasto certamine tendunt.

Hic mentem Aeneae genetrix pulcherrima misit,  
iret ut ad muros urbique adverteret agmen      555  
ocius et subita turbaret clade Latinos.  
ille ut vestigans diversa per agmina Turnum  
• hoc atque hoc acies circumtulit, aspicit urbem  
immunem tanti belli atque impune quietam.  
continuo pugnae accedit maioris imago ;      560  
Mnesthea Sergestumque vocat fortemque Serestum

<sup>541</sup> aerei Aldine edition (1501) : aeris MSS.  
<sup>559</sup> quietem *Ry*<sup>1</sup>.

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down with many a beat, rush the hoofs of the steeds that remember not their lord. The other, as Hyllus rushes on with boundless fury at heart, meets him and whirls a dart at his gold-bound brow : piercing the helm, the spear stood fast in his brain. Nor did thy right hand, Cretheus, thou bravest of the Greeks, save thee from Turnus, nor did his gods shield their Cupencus when Aeneas came :<sup>1</sup> he put his breast in the weapon's path, and the brazen buckler's stay, alas ! availed him not. Thee too, Aeolus, the Laurentine plains saw sink, and spread thy frame abroad o'er the earth : thou fallest, whom the Argive battalions could not lay low, nor Achilles, destroyer of Priam's realms. Here was thy bourne of death ; beneath Ida was thy stately home,—thy stately home at Lyrnesus, in Laurentine soil thy sepulchre. Yea, the whole lines, turning to the fray—all the Latins and all the Greeks, Mnestheus and valiant Serestus ; Messapus, tamer of horses, and brave Asilas ; the Tuscan battalion and Evander's Arcadian squadrons—each doing his all, strain with utmost force of strength ; no stint, no stay ; in measureless conflict they struggle.

<sup>554</sup> Hereupon his beauteous mother inspired Aeneas with the thought to advance on the walls, fling his column on the town, and confound the Latins with sudden disaster. While he, tracking Turnus here and there throughout the host, swept his glance this way and that, he views the city free from that fierce warfare, peaceful and unharmed. Straightway a vision of greater battle fires his heart ; he calls his captains, Mnestheus and Sergestus, and brave

<sup>1</sup> According to Servius, *Cupencus* in the Sabine language means a priest, corresponding to *Flamen* and *Pontifex* in Latin. Hence *di sui*.

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ductores tumulumque capit, quo cetera Teucrum  
concurrit legio, nec scuta aut spicula densi  
deponunt. celso medius stans aggere fatur :  
“ne qua meis esto dictis mora; Iuppiter hac stat; 565  
neu quis ob incepum subitum mihi segnior ito.  
urbem hodie, causam belli, regna ipsa Latini,  
ni frenum accipere et victi parere fatentur,  
eruam et aequa solo fumantia culmina ponam.  
scilicet exspectem, libeat dum proelia Turno 570  
nostra pati rursusque velit concurrere victus ?  
hoc caput, o cives, haec belli summa nefandi.  
ferte faces propere foedusque reposcite flammis.”  
dixerat, atque animis pariter certantibus omnes  
dant cuneum densaque ad muros mole feruntur. 575  
scalae improviso subitusque apparuit ignis.  
discurrunt alii ad portas primosque trucidant,  
ferrum alii torquent et obumbrant aethera telis.  
ipse inter primos dextram sub moenia tendit  
Aeneas magna que incusat voce Latinum 580  
testaturque deos, iterum se ad proelia cogi,  
bis iam Italos hostis, haec altera foedera rumpi.  
exoritur trepidos inter discordia civis :  
urbem alii reserare iubent et pandere portas  
Dardanidis ipsumque trahunt in moenia regem ; 585  
arma ferunt alii et pergunt defendere muros :  
inclusas ut cum latebroso in pumice pastor  
vestigavit apes fumoque implevit amaro,  
illae intus trepidae rerum per cerea castra  
discurrunt magnisque acuunt stridoribus iras ; 590

<sup>568</sup> fatetur *M<sup>1</sup>*.      <sup>582</sup> haec iam altera *M<sup>2</sup>*.  
<sup>587</sup> ut cum] veluti *M*.

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Serestus, and plants himself on a mound, where the rest of the Teucrian host throng thickly around, yet drop not shield nor spear. Standing in their midst on the mounded height he cries : " Let naught delay my command ; God is on our side ; nor let any, I pray, be slower to advance because the venture is so sudden. Yon city, the cause of war, the very seat of Latinus' realm, unless they consent to receive our yoke, and to submit as vanquished, this very day will I o'erthrow, and lay its smoking roofs level with the ground. Am I, forsooth, to wait till it be Turnus' humour to bide battle with me, and till, once beaten, he choose to meet me a second time ? This, fellow-citizens, is the head, this the sum, of the accursed war. Bring brands with speed, and in fire reclaim the treaty." He ceased,—and lo ! with hearts alike emulous, all form a wedge and advance in serried mass to the walls. In a moment ladders and sudden flames are seen. Some rush to the several gates and cut down the foremost guards ; others hurl their steel and veil the sky with javelins. Himself in the van, Aeneas uplifts his hand to the walls, loudly reproaches Latinus, and calls the gods to witness that again he is forced into battle, that twice the Italians become his foes, and that this treaty is the second broken. Strife uprises among the startled citizens : some bid unbar the town and throw wide the gates to the Dardans, and would drag the king himself to the ramparts ; others bring arms, and haste to defend the walls. As when some shepherd has tracked bees to their lair in rocky covert, and filled it with stinging smoke ; they within, startled for their safety, scurry to and fro through the waxen fortress, and with loud buzzings

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volvitur ater odor tectis, tum murmure caeco  
intus saxa sonant, vacuas it fumus ad auras.

Accidit haec fessis etiam fortuna Latinis,  
quae totam luctu concussit funditus urbem. 595  
regina ut tectis venientem prospicit hostem,  
incessi muros, ignis ad tecta volare,  
nusquam acies contra Rutulas, nulla agmina Turni,  
infelix pugnae iuvenem in certamine credit  
extinctum et, subito mentem turbata dolore,  
se causam clamat crimenque caputque malorum, 600  
multaque per maestum demens effata furorem,  
purpleos moritura manu discindit amictus  
et nodum informis leti trabe nectit ab alta.  
quam cladem miserae postquam accepere Latinae,  
filia prima manu floros Lavinia crinis 605  
et roseas laniata genas tum cetera circum  
turba furit; resonant latae plangoribus aedes.  
hinc totam infelix volgatur fama per urbem.  
demittunt mentes, it scissa veste Latinus,  
coniugis attonitus fatis urbisque ruina, 610  
cautiem immundo perfusam pulv're turpans.

Interea extremo bellator in aequore Turnus 614  
palantis sequitur paucos iam segnior atque 615  
iam minus atque minus successu laetus equorum.  
attulit hue illi caecis terroribus aura  
commixtum clamorem arrectasque impulit auris  
confusae sonus urbis et inlaetabile murmur.  
“ ei mihi ! quid tanto turbantur moenia luctu ? 620  
quisve ruit tantus diversa clamor ab urbe ? ”

<sup>598</sup> incedi *M<sup>1</sup>*: incendi γ: incensi *R.*

<sup>605</sup> floros *Probus, Servius*: flavos *MSS.*

<sup>607</sup> latae *M<sup>1</sup>Rc*: late *M<sup>2</sup>Pγb.*

<sup>612, 613</sup> multaque se incusat, qui non acceperit ante | Dardanum Aenean generumque adsciverit ultro omitted *MPRγb;*  
*taken from xi. 471, 472.*

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whet their rage ; the black reek rolls through their dwelling, the rocks within hum with hidden murmur, and smoke issues to the empty air.

<sup>593</sup> This further fate befell the labouring Latins, and shook the whole city to her base with grief. When from her <sup>house tops</sup> palace the queen sees the foe approach, the walls assailed, flames mounting to the roofs, yet nowhere Rutulian ranks, no troops of Turnus to meet them, alas ! she thinks her warrior slain in combat, and, her mind distraught by sudden anguish, cries out that she is the guilty source and <sup>chief</sup> spring of sorrows, and uttering many a wild word in the frenzy of grief, resolved to die, rends her purple robes, and from a lofty beam fastens the <sup>noose</sup> of a hideous death. Soon as the unhappy Latin women learned this disaster, first her daughter Lavinia, her hand tearing her flowery tresses and roseate cheeks, then all the throng around her, madly rave ; the wide halls ring with lamentations. Thence the woe-ful rumour spreads throughout the town. Hearts sink ; with rent raiment goes Latinus dazed at his wife's doom and his city's downfall, defiling his hoary hairs with showers of unclean dust.

<sup>614</sup> Meanwhile Turnus, battling on the plain's far edge, is pursuing <sup>few</sup> stragglers, slacker now and less and less exultant in the triumph of his steeds. To him the breeze bore that cry blended with <sup>wind</sup> terrors <sup>unknown</sup>, and on his straining ears smote the sound and joyless murmur of the town in turmoil. " Ah me ! what <sup>is</sup> this great sorrow that shakes <sup>the</sup> walls ? What is this cry speeding from the distant

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sic ait adductisque amens subsistit habenis.  
 atque huic, in faciem soror ut conversa Metisci  
 aurigae currumque et equos et lora regebat,  
 talibus occurrit dictis : "hac, Turne, sequamur 625  
 Trojogenas, quia prima viam victoria pandit :  
 sunt alii, qui tecta manu defendere possint.  
 ingruit Aeneas Italis et proelia miscet :  
 et nos saeva manu mittamus funera Teucris.  
 nec numero inferior, pugnae nec honore recedes." 630

Turnus ad haec :

"o soror, et dudum adgnovi, cum prima per artem  
 foedera turbasti teque haec in bella dedisti,  
 et nunc neququam fallis dea. sed quis Olympo  
 demissam tantos voluit te ferre labores ? 635  
 an fratri miseri letum ut crudele videres ?  
 nam quid ago? aut quae iam spondet Fortuna salutem?  
 vidi oculos ante ipse meos me voce vocantem  
 Murranum, quo non superat mihi carior alter,  
 oppetere ingentem atque ingenti volnere victum. 640  
 occidit infelix, ne nostrum dedecus Ufens  
 aspiceret; Teucri potiuntur corpore et armis.  
 excindine domos (id rebus defuit unum),  
 perpetiar, dextra nec Drancis dicta refellam ? 644  
 terga dabo et Turnum fugientem haec terra videbit?  
 usque adeone mori miserunt est? vos o mihi, Manes,  
 este boni, quoniam superis adversa voluntas.  
 sancta ad vos anima atque istius insciâ culpae  
 descendam, magnorum haud umquam indignus  
 avorum."

Vix ea fatus erat, medios volat ecce per hostis 650  
 vectus equo spumante Saces, adversa sagitta MP

<sup>624</sup> gerebat *P*<sup>γ</sup><sup>1</sup>. <sup>627</sup> possunt *P*.

<sup>639</sup> superat] fuerat *M*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>641</sup> nostrumne *P*.

<sup>647</sup> aversa *PR*.

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town?" So he speaks, and in frenzy draws in the reins and halts. Thereon his sister, as, changed to the form of his charioteer Metiscus, she guided car and steeds and reins, meets him with these words: "This way, Turnus, pursue we the sons of Troy, where victory first opens a path; others there are whose hands can guard their homes. Aeneas falls upon the Italians with turmoil of battle; let our hand too deal fierce havoc among his Teucrians! Neither ~~in tale~~ <sup>ne</sup>cious of dead, nor in fame of war, shalt thou come off the worse." To this Turnus: "Sister, both long since I knew thee, when first thou didst craftily mar the pact and fling thyself into this war, and now thou vainly hidest thy deity. But who willed that thou be sent down from Olympus to bear such sore toils? Was it that thou mightest see thy hapless brother's cruel death? For what may I do? Or what chance can now assure me safety? Before my very eyes, as loudly he called upon me, have I seen Murranus fall,—no other dearer than he is left ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> me—a mighty soul and laid low by a mighty wound. Fallen is luckless Ufens, that so he might not view our shame: the Teucrians hold his corpse and armour. The razing of their homes—the one thing lacking to my lot—shall I endure it, nor with my sword refute Drances' taunts? Shall I turn my back, and shall this land see Turnus in flight? Is death all ~~sor~~ <sup>sad</sup>? Be kind to me, ye Shades, since the gods above have turned their faces from me. A stainless soul, and ignorant of that reproach, I will descend to you, never unworthy of my mighty sires of old!"

650 Scarce had he spoken, when lo! borne on foaming steed through the foemen's midst speeds Saces, wounded full in face by an arrow, and, rush-

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- saucius ora, ruitque implorans nomine Turnum :  
 “ Turne, in te suprema salus ; miserere tuorum.  
 fulminat Aeneas armis summasque minatur  
 deiecturum arces Italum excidioque daturum, 655  
 iamque faces ad tecta volant. in te ora Latini,  
 in te oculos referunt ; mussat rex ipse Latinus,  
 quos <sup>gēnērōs</sup> vocet aut quae sese ad foedera flectat.  
 praeterea regina, tui fidissima, dextra  
 occidit ipsa sua lucemque exterrita fugit. 660  
 soli pro portis Messapus et acer Atinas  
 sustentant acies. circum hos utrimque phalanges  
 stant densae strictisque seges mucronibus horret  
 ferrea : tu currum deserto in gramine versas.”  
 obstipuit varia confusus imagine rerum 665  
 Turnus et obtutu tacito stetit ; aestuat ingens  
 uno in corde pudor mixtoque insania luctu  
 et furiis agitatus amor et conscientia virtus. MPV  
 ut primum discussae umbrae et lux redditam menti,  
 ardoris oculorum orbis ad moenia torsit 670  
 turbidus equo rotis magnam respexit ad urbem.
- Ecce autem flamnis inter tabulata volutus ~~hæc~~  
 ad caelum undabat ~~hæc~~ vertex turrimque tenebat,  
 turrim, compactis trabibus quam eduxerat ipse  
 subdideratque rotas pontisque instraverat altos. 675  
 “ iam iam fata, soror, superant : absiste morari ;  
 quo deus et quo dura vocat Fortuna, sequamur.  
 stat conferre manum Aeneae, stat, quidquid acerbi est,  
 morte pati ; neque me indecorem, germana, videbis  
 amplius. hunc, oro, sine me furere ante furorem.” 680
- <sup>662</sup> aciem P.      <sup>666</sup> cf. x. 870 f.      <sup>677</sup> qua dura P.

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ing on, calls for aid by name on Turnus: "Turnus, in thee lies our last hope; pity thy people! Aeneas thunders in arms, and threatens to overthrow Italy's highest towers and give them to destruction: even now brands are flying to the roofs. To thee the Latins turn their looks, to thee their eyes; King Latinus himself mutters in doubt, whom to call his sons, or towards what alliance to incline. Moreover the queen, all whose trust was in thee, has fallen by her own hand, and fled in terror from the light. Alone before the gates Messapus and valiant Atinas sustain our lines. Around these on either side stand serried squadrons, and a harvest of steel bristles with drawn swords; yet thou wheekest thy car o'er the deserted sward." Aghast and bewildered by the changeful picture of disaster, Turnus stood mutely gazing; within that single heart surges mighty shame, and madness mingled with grief, and love stung by fury, and the consciousness of worth. Soon as the shadows scattered and light dawned afresh on his mind, his blazing eyeballs he turned wrathfully upon the walls and from his car looked back upon the spacious city.

<sup>672</sup> But lo! from storey to storey a rolling spire of flame was eddying heavenward, and fastening upon a tower—a tower that he himself had reared of jointed beams and set on wheels and slung with lofty gangways.<sup>1</sup> "Now, my sister, now Fate triumphs: cease to hinder; where God and cruel Fortune call, let us follow! Resolved am I to meet Aeneas, resolved to bear in death all its bitterness; nor longer, sister mine, shalt thou behold me shamed. With this madness suffer me ere the end, I pray, to be a mad-

<sup>1</sup> cf. the account at ix. 530 ff. These defensive towers were provided with wheels, and with gangways, which could be lowered to the walls.

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dixit et e curru saltum dedit ocios arvis  
 perque hostis, per tela ruit maestamque sororem  
 deserit ac rapido cursu media agmina rumpit.  
 ac veluti montis saxum de vertice preeceps  
 cum ruit, avolsum vento, seu turbidus imber      685  
 proluit aut annis solvit sublapsa vetustas ;  
 fertur in abruptum magno mons improbus actu  
 exsultatque solo, silvas, armenta virosque      MPRV  
 involvens secum : disiecta per agmina Turnus  
 sic urbis ruit ad muros, ubi plurima fuso      690  
 sanguine terra madet striduntque hastilibus aurae,  
 significatque manu et magno simul incipit ore :  
 “ ~~parcite~~ iam, Rutuli, et vos tela inhibete, Latini :  
 quaecumque est fortuna, mea est; me verius unum  
 pro vobis foedus luere et decernere ferro.”      695  
 discessere omnes medii spatiumque dedere.

At pater Aeneas auditio nomine Turni  
 deserit et muros et summas deserit arces  
 praecipitatque moras omnis, opera omnia rumpit,  
 laetitia exsultans, horrendumque intonat armis ;      700  
 quantus Athos aut quantus Eryx aut ipse coruscis  
 cum fremit ilicibus quantus gaudetque nivali  
 vertice se attollens pater Appenninus ad auras.  
 iam vero et Rutuli certatim et Troes et omnes  
 convertere oculos Itali, quique alta tenebant      705  
 moenia quique imos pulsabant ariete muros,  
 armaque deposuere umeris. stupet ipse Latinus  
 ingentis, genitos diversis partibus orbis,  
 inter se coisse viros et cernere ferro.  
 atque illi, ut vacuo patuerunt aequore campi,      710  
 proculsu rapido, coniectis eminus hastis,

<sup>701</sup> Athon b<sup>1</sup>c, *Servius*.

<sup>709</sup> et omitted c. cernere P<sup>1</sup>, *Seneca* (Ep. 58. 3), *Servius* :  
 discernere b, known to *Priscian* : decernere most MSS., known  
 to *Servius*.

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man." He said, and leapt quickly from his car to the field, and rushing through foes and through spears, leaves his sorrowing sister, and burst in rapid course amid their columns. And as when a rock from mountain-top rushes headlong, torn away by the blast—whether the whirling storm has washed it free, or time stealing on with lapse of years has loosened it; down the steep with mighty rush sweeps the reckless mass, and bounds over the earth, rolling with it trees, herds, and men: so amid the scattered ranks Turnus rushes to the city-walls, where the ground is deepest drenched with spilled blood, and the air is shrill with spears; then beckons with his hand and thus begins aloud: "Forbear now, Rutulians, and ye Latins, stay your darts. Whatever fortune is here is mine: 'tis better that I alone ~~for you~~ <sup>wish</sup> atone for the ~~covenant~~ <sup>debt</sup>, and decide ~~the~~ the issue with the sword." All drew apart from the midst and gave him room.

<sup>697</sup> But father Aeneas, hearing Turnus' name, forsakes the walls, forsakes the lofty fortress, flings aside all delay, breaks off all tasks, and, exultant with joy, thunders terribly on his arms: vast as Athos, vast as Eryx or vast as Father Apennine himself, when he roars with his quivering oaks, and joyously lifts ~~heaveward~~ <sup>heaveward</sup> his snowy head. Now indeed, all turned emulous eyes,—Rutulians, and Trojans, and Italians, both they who held the lofty ramparts, and they whose ram battered the walls below—and doffed the armour from their shoulders. Latinus himself is amazed that these mighty men, born in far distant climes, are met together and make decision with the sword. And they, soon as the lists were clear on the open plain, dash swiftly forward, first

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invadunt Martem clipeis atque aere sonoro.  
 dat gemitum tellus; tum crebros ensibus ictus  
 congerminant; fors et virtus miscentur in unum.  
 ac velut ingenti Sila summove Taburno 715  
 cum duo conversis injmica in proelia tauri  
 frontibus incurront; pavidi cessere magistri;  
 stat pecus omne metu mutum mussantque iuvencae,  
 quis nemori imperitet, quem tota armenta se-  
 quantur; MPR  
 illi inter sese multa vi volnera miscent 720  
 cornuaque obnixi infigunt et sanguine largo  
 colla armosque lavant; gemitu nemus omne remugit:  
 non aliter Tros Aeneas et Daunius heros  
 concurrunt clipeis; ingens fragor aethera complet.  
 Iuppiter ipse duas aequato examine lances+<sup>lato</sup>, 725  
 sustinet et fata imponit diversa duorum,  
 quem damvet labor et quo vergat pondere letum.  
 Emicat hic, impune putans, et corpore toto  
 alte sublatum consurgit Turnus in ensem  
 et ferit: exclamat Troes trepidique Latini, 730  
 arrectaeque amborum acies: at perfidus ensis  
 frangitur in medioque ardentem deserit ictu,  
 ni fuga subsidio subeat. fugit ocior Euro,  
 ut capulum ignotum dextramque aspergit inermem.  
 fama est praecipitem, cum prima in proelia iunctos 735  
 concendebat equos, patrio mucrone relicto,  
 dum trepidat, ferrum aurigae rapuisse Metisci:  
 idque diu, dum terga dabant palantia Teucri,  
 suffecit; postquam arma dei ad Volcania ventum est,  
 mortalis mucro, glacies ceu futilis, ictu 740

<sup>713</sup> crebris *M<sup>1</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*. <sup>714</sup> miscetur *V*.

<sup>715</sup> silva *Rγ<sup>1</sup>*, known to *Servius*.

<sup>719</sup> pecori *γ<sup>2</sup>*. <sup>720</sup> proelia *γ<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>727</sup> et] aut *b*, *Nonius, Servius*.

<sup>732</sup> ictum *MR*. <sup>735</sup> primum *PRγ*. ad *Pγ<sup>1</sup>*.

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hurling their spears from far, and rush on the fray with shields and clanging brass. Earth groans ; then with the sword they shower blow on blow, chance and valour blending in one. And as on mighty Sila or on Taburnus' height, when two bulls charge, brow to brow, in mortal battle, back in terror fall the keepers, the whole herd stands mute with dread, and the heifers dumbly ponder who shall be lord of the forest, whom all the herds shall follow ; they with mighty force deal mutual wounds, gore with butting horns, and bathe neck and shoulders in streaming blood ; all the woodland re-echoes with the bellowing : even so Trojan Aeneas and the Daunian hero clash shield on shield ; the mighty crash fills the sky. Jupiter himself upholds two scales in even balance; and lays therein the diverse destinies of both; whom the strife dooms, and with whose weight death sinks down.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>728</sup> Now forth springs Turnus, deeming it safe, rises full height on his uplifted sword, and strikes. The Trojans and expectant Latins cry aloud ; both hosts are on tiptoe with excitement. But the traitorous sword snaps, and in mid stroke fails its fiery lord, did not flight come to his succour. Swifter than the East wind he flies, soon as he marks an unknown hilt in his defenceless hand. Fame tells that in his headlong haste, when first mounting behind his yoked steeds for battle, he left his father's blade behind and in his haste snatched up the steel of Metiscus his charioteer ; and for long that served, while the straggling Teucrians turned their backs : but when it met the god-wrought armour of Vulcan, the mortal blade, like brittle ice,

<sup>1</sup> For this weighing of the fates, see Homer, *Iliad*, xxii. 209 ff. The sinking scale means death.

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dissiluit ; fulva resplendent fragmina harena.  
ergo amens diversa fuga petit aequora Turnus  
et nunc huc, inde huc incertos implicat orbis ;  
undique enim densa Teucri inclusere corona  
atque hinc vasta palus<sup>743</sup> hinc ardua moenia cingunt. 745

Nec minus Aeneas, quamquam tardata sagitta  
interdum genua impediunt cursumque recusant,  
insequitur trepidique pedem pede fervidus urget;  
inclusum veluti si quando flumine nactus  
cervum aut puniceae saeptum formidine pinnae 750  
venator cursu canis et latratibus instat ;  
ille autem; insidiis et ripa territus alta,  
mille fugit refugitque vias ; at vividus Umber  
haeret hians, iam iamque tenet similisque tenenti  
increpuit malis morsuque elusus inani est. 755  
tum vero exoritur clamor, ripaeque lacusque  
responsant circa et caelum tonat omne tumultu.  
ille simul fugiens Rutulos simul micrēpat omnis,  
nomine quemque vocans, notumque efflagitat  
ensem.

Aeneas mortem contra praesensque minatur 760  
exitium, si quisquam adeat, terretque trementis,  
excisurum urbem minitans, et saucius instat.  
quinque orbis explent cursu totidemque retexunt  
huc illuc ; neque enim levia aut ludicra petuntur  
praemia, sed Turni de vita et sanguine certant. 765

Forte sacer Fauno foliis oleaster amaris  
hic steterat, nautis olim venerabile lignum,  
servati ex undis ubi figere dona solebant  
Laurenti divo et votas suspendere vestis ;  
sed stirpem Teucri nullo discrimine sacrum 770

<sup>741</sup> resplendet fragmen *M<sup>2</sup>R*.

<sup>744</sup> densa Teucri *PR*, *Servius* : Teucri densa *M*.

<sup>746</sup> tardante *M<sup>2</sup>c<sup>2</sup>*. <sup>753</sup> ac *M<sup>1</sup>b<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>754</sup> tenens *Rc*.

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flew ~~sounder~~ at the stroke ; the fragments glitter on the yellow sand. So Turnus madly flees here and there over the plain, and now this way and now that ~~entwines~~ <sup>concerted</sup> wavering circles ; for ~~on all hands~~ the Teucrians enclosed him in crowded ring, and here a waste fen, there steep ramparts engirdle him.

746 Nor less, though at times his knees, retarded by the arrow-wound, impede him and deny their speed, does Aeneas ~~pursue~~, and hotly press, foot to foot, upon his panting foe : as when a hunter hound has caught a stag, pent in by a stream, or hedged about by the terror of crimson feathers, and, running and barking, presses him close ; the stag, in terror of the snares and lofty bank, flees to and fro in a thousand ways, but the keen Umbrian clings close with jaws agape, and now, now grips, or, as though he gripped, snaps his jaws, and baffled, bites on ~~naught~~. Then indeed uprises the din ; banks and pools around make answer, and all heaven thunders with the tumult. Turnus, even as he flees, even then upbraids all the Rutulians, calling each by name, and clamouring for the sword he knew. Aeneas in turn threatens death and instant doom, should one draw nigh, and affrights his trembling foes with threats to raze the town, and though wounded presses on. Five circles they cover at full speed, and unweave as many this way and that ; for no slight or sportive prize they seek, but for Turnus' life and blood they strive.

766 Haply here had stood a bitter-leaved wild olive, sacred to Faunus, a tree revered of old by mariners, whereon, when saved from the waves, they were wont to fasten their gifts to the god of Laurentum and hang up their votive raiment ; but the Teucrians, heeding naught, had shorn the sacred

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sustulerant, puro ut possent concurrere campo.  
hic hasta Aeneae stabat, huc impetus illam  
detulerat, fixam et lenta radice tenebat.  
incubuit voluitque manu convellere ferrum  
Dardanides, teloque sequi quem prendere cursu 775  
non poterat. tum vero amens formidine Turnus  
“Faune, precor, miserere,” inquit, “tuque optima  
ferrum

Terra tene, colui vestros si semper honores,  
quos contra Aeneadae bello fecere profanos.”  
dixit opemque dei non cassa in vota vocavit. 780  
namque diu luctans lentoque in stirpe moratus  
viribus haud ullis valuit discludere morsus  
roboris Aeneas. dum nititur acer et instat,  
rursus in aurigae faciem mutata Metisci  
procurrit fratrique ensem dea Daunia reddit. 785  
quod Venus audaci nymphae indignata licere  
accessit telumque alta ab radice revellit.  
olli sublimes, armis animisque refecti,  
hic gladio fidens, hic acer et arduus hasta,  
adistunt contra certamina Martis anheli. 790

Iunonem interea rex omnipotentis Olympi  
adloquitur, fulva pugnas de nube tuentem :  
“quae iam finis erit, coniunx? quid denique restat?  
indigetem Aenean scis ipsa et scire fateris  
deberi caelo fatisque ad sidera tolli. 795  
quid struis? aut qua spe gelidis in nubibus haeres?

<sup>773</sup> et omitted  $M^2b^1$ . ab radice  $M^2P$ . <sup>779</sup> ferro  $\gamma^2$ .

<sup>782</sup> discurrere  $M^1\gamma^2$ : convellere  $a^1c$ .

<sup>784</sup> conversa  $M^2P$ . <sup>788</sup> animumque  $P^1$ .

<sup>790</sup> certamine  $b$ , known to Servius.

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stem, that in clear lists they might contend. Here stood the spear of Aeneas; hither its force had borne it, and was holding it fast in the tough root. The Dardan stooped, fain to pluck away the steel perforce, and pursue with javelin him he could not catch by speed of foot. Then indeed Turnus, frantic with terror, cried: "Faunus, have pity, I pray, and thou, most gracious Earth, hold fast the steel, if ever I have reverenced your worship, which, in other wise, Aeneas' sons have defiled by war." He spoke, and to no fruitless vow did he invoke the aid of heaven. For long though he wrestled and lingered o'er the stubborn stem, by no strength availed Aeneas to unlock the oaken bite. While fiercely he tugs and strains, the Daunian goddess,<sup>1</sup> changing once again into the form of charioteer Metiscus, runs forward and restores the sword to her brother. But Venus, wroth that such license is granted the bold nymph, ~~drew up~~, and plucked the weapon from the deep root. At full height, in arms and heart renewed—one trusting to his sword, one fiercely towering with his spear—breathless<sup>2</sup> both, they stand facing the War-god's strife.

<sup>791</sup> Meanwhile the king of almighty Olympus accosts Juno, as from a golden cloud she gazes on the fray: "What now shall be the end, O wife? What remains at the last? Thyself knowest, and dost confess to know it, that Aeneas, as Hero of the land, is claimed of heaven, and the Fates exalt him to the stars. What plannest thou? Or in what hope lingerest thou in the chill clouds? Was it

<sup>1</sup> Juturna.

<sup>2</sup> Benoist takes *anheli* with *Martis*, the strife "of breathless Mars," but for this bold expression no parallel can be cited.

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mortal in decuit violari volnere divum?  
 aut ensem (quid enim sine te Iuturna valeret?)  
 ereptum reddi Turno et vim crescere victis?  
 desine iam tandem precibusque inflectere nostris, 800  
 ne te tantus edit tacitam dolor et mihi curae  
 saepe tuo dulci tristes ex ore recurrent.  
 ventum ad supremum est. terris agitare vel undis  
 Troianos potuisti, infandum accendere bellum,  
 deformare domum et luctu miscere hymenaeos: 805  
 ulterius temptare veto." sic Iuppiter orsus;  
 sic dea submisso contra Saturnia voltu:  
 His "Ista quidem (quia nota mihi tua) magne, voluntas,  
 Iuppiter, et Turnum et terras invita reliqui:  
 nec tu me aeria solam nunc sede videres 810  
 digna indigna pati, sed flammis cincta sub ipsam  
 starem aciem trahieremque inimica in proelia Teucros.  
 Iuturnam misero (fateor) succurrere fratri  
 suasi et pro vita maiora audere probavi,  
 non ut tela tamen, non ut contenderet arcum; 815  
 adiuro Stygii caput implacabile fontis,  
 una superstatio superis quae reddit a divis.  
 et nunc cedo equidem pugnasque exosa relinquo.  
 illud te, nulla fati quod lege tenetur,  
 pro Latio obtestor, pro maiestate tuorum: 820  
 cum iam conubiis pacem felicibus, esto,  
 component, cum iam leges et foedera iungent,  
 ne vetus indigenas nomen mutare Latinos  
 neu Troas fieri iubeas Teucrosque vocari

801 ni *P<sup>1</sup>*: nec *bc.* edit *P<sup>1</sup>γ<sup>1</sup>*, *Diomedes*, *Servius*: edat  
*MP<sup>2</sup>γ<sup>2bc.</sup>* 802 recusent *M<sup>1c<sup>1</sup></sup>*. 803 relinquio *P<sup>2</sup>*.  
 811 ipsam *M*: ipsa *P*, and commonly. 812 acie *P*.  
 824 Teucrosve *P<sup>γ</sup>*.

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well that by mortal's wound a god should be profaned? or that the lost sword—for without thee what could Juturna avail?—should be restored to Turnus, and the vanquished gain fresh force? Cease now, I pray, and bend to our entreaties, that such great grief may not consume thee in silence, nor to me may bitter cares so oft return from thy sweet lips. The end is reached. To chase the Trojans over land or wave, to kindle monstrous war, to mar a home with mourning and blend bridals with woe—this power hast thou had; farther to attempt I forbid!" Thus Jupiter began: thus, with downcast look, the goddess, child of Saturn, replied:

<sup>808</sup> "Even because I knew, great Jove, that such was thy pleasure, have I, though loth, left Turnus and the earth; else wouldst thou not see me now, alone on my airy throne, enduring fair and foul; but girt in flame would I take my stand close to the very ranks, and drag the Teucrians into deadly fray. As for Juturna, I counselled her, I own, to succour her hapless brother, and for his life's sake sanctioned still greater deeds of daring, yet not to level the arrow, not to bend the bow: I swear by the inexorable fountain-head of Styx, sole name of dread ordained for gods above. And now I yield, yea, yield, and quit the strife in loathing. This boon, banned by no law of fate, for Latium's sake, for thine own kin's greatness,<sup>1</sup> I entreat from thee: when anon with happy bridal rites—so be it!—they plight peace, when anon they join in laws and treaties, command not the native Latins to change their ancient name, nor to become Trojans and be

<sup>1</sup> Saturn, father of Jupiter, had once reigned in Latium, and from him Latinus was descended. *cf. Aen. vii. 45-49.*

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aut vocem mutare viros aut vertere vestem. 825  
 sit Latium, sint Albani per saecula reges,  
 sit Romana potens Itala virtute propago ;  
 occidit, occideritque sinas cum nomine Troia.”

Olli subridens hominum rerumque repertor :  
 “ es germana Iovis Saturnique altera proles : 830  
 irarum tantos volvis sub pectore fluctus. MPR

verum age et inceptum frustra submitte furorem :  
 do quod vis, et me victusque volensque remitto.  
 sermonem Ausonii patrium moresque tenebunt,  
 utque est, nomen erit ; commixti corpore tantum 835  
 subsident Teucri. morem ritusque sacrorum  
 adiciam faciamque omnis uno ore Latinos.  
 hinc genus Ausonio mixtum quod sanguine surget,  
 supra homines, supra ire deos pietate videbis  
 nec gens <sup>ulla</sup> tuos aeque celebrabit honores.” 840  
 adnuit his Iuno et mentem laetata retorsit ;  
 interea excedit caelo nubemque relinquit.

His actis aliud genitor secum ipse volutat  
 Iturnamque parat fratri dimittere ab armis.  
 dicuntur geminae pestes cognomine Dirae, 845  
 quas et Tartaream Nox intempsa Megaeram  
 uno eodemque tulit partu, paribusque revinxit  
 serpentum spiris ventosasque addidit alas.  
 hae Iovis ad solium saevique in limine regis  
 apparent acuuntque metum mortalibus aegris, 850  
 si quando letum horrificum morbosque deum rex  
 molitur, meritas aut bello territat urbes.  
 harum unam celerem demisit ab aethere summo  
 Iuppiter inque omen Iturnae occurrere iussit :  
 illa volat celerique ad terram turbine fertur. 855

<sup>825</sup> vestes *Pγ.*

<sup>835</sup> tanto *R.*

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called Teucrians, nor to change their tongue and alter their attire : let Latium be, let Alban kings endure through ages, let be a Roman stock, strong in Italian valour : fallen is Troy, and fallen let her be, together with her name ! ”

<sup>829</sup> Smiling on her, the creator of men and things replied : “ True sister of Jove art thou, and Saturn’s other child, such waves of wrath surge deep within thy breast ! But come, allay the rage thus vainly stirred : I grant thy wish, and yield me, conquered and content. Ausonia’s sons shall keep their fathers’ speech and ways, and as it is, so shall be their name : the Teucrians shall but sink down, merged in the mass. Their sacred laws and rites will I add and make all to be Latins of one tongue. Hence shall arise a race, blended with Ausonian blood, which thou shalt see o’erpass men, o’erpass gods in godliness, nor shall any nation with equal zeal celebrate thy worship.” Juno assented thereto, and joyfully changed her purpose ; meanwhile she passes from heaven, and quits the cloud.

<sup>848</sup> This done, the Father revolves another purpose in his heart, and prepares to withdraw Juturna from her brother’s side. Men tell of twin fiends, the Dread Ones named, whom with hellish Megaera untimely Night bore in one and the same birth, wreathing them alike with snaky coils and clothing them with wings of wind. These attend by the throne of Jove, and on the threshold of the grim monarch, and whet the fears of feeble mortals, whene’er heaven’s king deals diseases and awful death, or affrights guilty towns with war. One of these Jove sent swiftly down from high heaven, and bade her meet Juturna as a sign. She wings her way, and darts to earth in swift whirlwind. Even

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non secus ac nervo per nubem impulsa sagitta,  
armatam saevi Parthus quam felle veneni,  
 Parthus sive Cydon, telum immedicabile, torsit,  
 stridens et celeris incognita transilit umbras :  
 talis <sup>una</sup> sensata Nocte tulit terrasque petivit. 860

postquam acies videt Iliacas atque agmina Turni,  
 alitis in parvae subitam collecta figuram,  
 quae quondam in bustis aut culminibus desertis  
 nocte sedens <sup>leto</sup> serum canit importuna per umbras ;  
 hanc versa in faciem Turni se pessis ob ora 865  
 fertque refertque sonans clipeumque everberat alis.  
 illi membra novus solvit formidine torpor,  
 arrectaeque horrore ~~comae~~ et vox faucibus haesit.

At, procul ut Dirae stridorem adgnovit et alas,  
 infelix crinis scindit Iuturna solutos, 870  
~~unguis~~ ora soror foedans et pectora pugnis :  
 "quid nunc te tua, Turne, potest germana iuvare ?  
 aut quid iam durae <sup>longae</sup> superat mihi ? qua tibi lucem  
 arte morer ? taline possum me opponere monstro ?  
 iam iam linquo acies. ne me terrete timentem, 875  
 obscenae volucres : alarum verbera nosco  
 letalemque sonum, nec fallunt iussa superba  
 magnanimi Iovis. haec pro virginitate reponit ?  
 quo vitam dedit aeternam ? cur mortis adempta est  
 condicio ? possem tantos finire dolores 880  
 nunc certe, et misero fratri comes ire per umbras !  
 immortalis ego ? aut <sup>what</sup> quicquam mihi dulce meorum  
 te sine, frater, erit ? o quae satim dehiscat

<sup>862</sup> subito  $P\gamma^1$ . conversa  $M$ : coniecto  $P$ : coniecta  $\gamma^1$ .

<sup>865</sup> in] inob  $M^1$ : ad  $P\gamma$ : in  $M^2$ .

<sup>870</sup> scindit crinis  $R$ . <sup>874</sup> possim  $R$ .

<sup>883</sup> quam  $P\gamma^1$ . ima] iam  $P^1$ : alta c.

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as an arrow, shot from string through a cloud,  
which, armed with ~~gelt~~<sup>669</sup> of fell poison, a Parthian—  
a Parthian or a Cydonian—has launched, a shaft be-  
yond all cure; whizzing, it leaps through the swift  
shadows, known of none: so sped the child of  
Night, and sought the earth. Soon as she sees the  
Ilian ranks and Turnus' troops, suddenly shrinking  
to the shape of that small bird which oft, perched  
at night on tombs or deserted roofs, chants her late,  
ill-omened lay amid the shadows, so changed in form  
before the face of Turnus the fiend flits screaming  
to and fro, and wildly beats his buckler with her  
wings. A strange numbness unknits his limbs with  
dread; his hair stood up in terror and the voice  
claved to his throat.

869 But when from afar Juturna knew the Dread  
One's whizzing wings, she rends, hapless one, her  
loosened tresses, marring, in sisterly grief, her face  
with nails and her breast with clenched hands:  
“What now, my Turnus, can thy sister avail thee?  
Or what more awaits me, that have endured so much?  
With what art may I prolong thy day? Can I face  
such a ~~monster~~? Now, now I quit the field. Affright  
not my fluttering soul, ye ill-boding birds! I know  
your beating wings, and their ~~dread~~ sound, nor fail  
I to mark the haughty ~~mandates~~ of high-hearted  
Jove. Is this his requital for my maidenhood?  
Wherefore gave he me life eternal? Why of the  
law of death am I bereaved? Now surely could I  
end such anguish, and pass at my poor brother's  
side amid the shadows! I immortal! Nay, will  
aught of mine be sweet to me without thee, my  
brother? O what deepest earth can gape enough

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terra mihi Manisque deam demittat ad imos?"  
tantum effata caput <sup>lumen</sup> glauco contexit amictu,  
multa gemens, et se fluvio dea condidit alto.

Aeneas instat contra telumque coruscat  
ingens arboreum et saevo sic pectore fatur:  
"quae nunc deinde mora est? aut quid iam, Turne,  
retractas?

Lnon cursu, saevis certandum est comminus armis. 890  
verte omnis tete in facies et contrahe, quidquid  
sive animis sive arte vales; opta ardua pinnis  
astra sequi clausumque cava te <sup>cōndēre</sup> terra." 895  
ille caput quassans "non me tua fervida terrent  
dicta, ferox: di me terrent et Iuppiter hostis." 900  
nec plura effatus saxum circumspicit ingens,  
saxum antiquum, ingens, campo quod forte jacebat,  
limes agro positus, litem ut discerneret arvis;  
vix illud lectib; sex cervice subirent,  
qualia nunc hominum producit corpora tellus: 905  
ille manu raptum trepida torquebat in hostem,  
altior insurgens et cursu concitus heros.  
sed neque currentem se nec cognoscit euntē  
tollentemy manus saxumve immane moventem;  
genua labant, gelidus concrevit frigore sanguis. 905  
tum lapis ipse viri, vacuum per inane volutus,  
nec spatium evasit totum neque pertulit ictum.  
ac velut in somnis, oculos ubi languida pressit  
nocte quies, neququam avidos extendere cursus  
velle videmur et in mediis conatibus aëgri 910  
succidimus; non lingua valet, non corpore notae  
sufficiunt vires, nec vox aut verba sequuntur:  
sic Turno, quamcumque viam virtute petivit,

<sup>884</sup> demittit *P<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>885</sup> clausumque *MRγ*: clausumve *inferior MSS.*

<sup>889</sup> illum *Mb.*

<sup>904</sup> tollentemy *Mγ<sup>1</sup>*. manu *Pγ<sup>2</sup>*. saxumque *γc.*

<sup>913</sup> quamcumque *P<sup>1</sup>*.

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for me, and send me down, a goddess, to the nethermost shades?" So saying, she veiled her head in mantle of grey and with many a moan plunged into the deep river.

<sup>887</sup> Aeneas presses on against the foe, brandishing his massy, tree-like spear, and, in wrathful spirit, thus cries : " What more delay is there now? or why, Turnus, dost thou yet draw back? Not with swift foot, but hand to hand in fierce arms, must we contend. Change thyself into all shapes, yea, muster all thy powers of courage or of skill; wing thy flight, if thou wilt, to the stars aloft, or hide thee within earth's hollow prison!" The other, shaking his head : " Thy fiery words, fierce one, daunt me not; 'tis the gods daunt me, and the enmity of Jove." No more he speaks, then glancing round, espies a giant stone, a giant stone and ancient, which haply lay upon the plain, set for a landmark, to ward dispute from the fields. This scarce twice six chosen men could uplift upon their shoulders, men of such frames as earth now begets; but the hero, with hurried grasp, seized and hurled it at his foe, rising to his height and at swiftest speed. But he knows not himself as he runs, nor as he moves, as he raises his hands, or throws the mighty stone; his knees totter, his blood is frozen cold. Yea, the hero's stone itself, whirled through the empty void, traversed not all the space, nor carried home its blow. And as in dreams of night, when languorous sleep has weighed down our eyes, we seem to strive vainly to press on our eager course, and in mid effort sink helpless: our tongue lacks power, our wonted strength fails our limbs, nor voice nor words ensue: so to Turnus, howsoe'er by valour he sought to win his

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successum dea dira negat. tum pectore sensus  
 vertuntur varii; Rutulos aspectat et urbem 915  
 cunctaturque metu telumque instare tremescit,  
 nec quo se eripiat, nec qua vi tendat in hostem,  
 nec currus usquam videt aurigamve sororem.  
 Cunctanti tēlum Aeneas fatale coruscat,  
 sortitus fortunam oculis, et corpore toto 920  
 eminus intorquet. murali concita numquam  
 tormento sic saxa fremunt, nec fulmine tanti  
 dissultant crepitus. volat atri turbinis instar  
 exitium dirūm hasta ferens brasque recludit  
 loricae et clipei extremos septemplicis orbis. 925  
 per medium stridens transit femur. incidit ictus  
 ingens ad terram duplicato poplite Turnus.  
 consurgunt gemitu Rutuli totusque remugit  
 mons circum et vocem late nemora alta remittunt.  
 ille humilis supplexque oculos dextramque pre-  
 canten 930  
 protendens "equidem merui, nec deprecor," inquit:  
 "utere sorte tua. miseri te si qua parentis  
 tangere cura potest, oro (fuit et tibi talis  
 Anchises genitor), Dauni miserere senectae  
 et me, seu corpus spoliatum lumine mavis, 935  
 redde meis. vicisti et victum tendere palmas  
 Ausonii videre; tua est Lavinia coniunx:  
 ulterius ne tende odiis." stetit acer in armis  
 Aeneas, volvens oculos, dextramque repressit; MP  
 et iam iamque magis cunctantem flectere sermo 940  
 cooperat, infelix umero cum apparuit alto  
 balteus et notis fulserunt cingula bullis

916 letumque *P.*918 -ve] -que *Rγ.*922 tanto *P.*930 supplex oculos *PRγ<sup>2</sup>.*

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way, the dread goddess denies fulfilment. Then through his soul shifting fancies whirl ; he gazes on his Rutulians and the town, he falters in fear, and trembles at the threatening lance ; neither sees he whither he may escape, nor with what force bear against the foe ; nor anywhere is his car, nor his sister, the chariooteer.

<sup>919</sup> As he wavers, Aeneas brandishes the fateful spear, seeking with his eyes the happy chance, then hurls it from far with all his strength. Never stone shot from engine of ~~siege~~ <sup>wall</sup> roars so loud, never crash so great bursts from thunderbolt. Like black whirlwind on flies the spear, bearing fell destruction, and pierces the corslet's rim and the sevenfold shield's utmost circle : whizzing it passes right through the thigh. Under the blow, with knee beneath him bent down to earth, huge Turnus sank. Up spring with a groan the Rutulians all ; the whole hill re-echoes round about, and far and near the wooded steeps send back the sound. He, in lowly suppliance, uplifting eyes and pleading hands : "Yea, I have earned it," he cries, "and I ask not mercy ; use thou thy chance. If any thought of a parent's grief can touch thee, I pray thee—in Anchises thou, too, hadst such a father—pity Daunus' old age, and give back me, or, if so thou please, my lifeless body, to my kin. Victor thou art ; and as vanquished, have the Ausonians seen me stretch forth my hands : Lavinia is thine for wife ; press not thy hatred further."

<sup>988</sup> Fierce in his arms, Aeneas stood with rolling eyes, and stayed his hand ; and now more and more, as he paused, these words began to sway him, when lo ! high on the shoulder was seen the luckless baldric, and there flashed the belt with its well-

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Pallantis pueri, victimum quem volnere Turnus  
straverat atque umeris inimicum insigne gerebat.  
ille, oculis postquam saevi monumenta doloris 945  
exuviasque hausit, furiis accensus et ira  
terribilis: "tune hinc spoliis induite meorum  
eripiare mihi? Pallas te hoc volnere, Pallas  
immolat et poenam scelerato ex sanguine sumit,"  
hoc dicens ferrum adverso sub pectore condit 950  
fervidus. ast illi solvuntur frigore membra  
vitaque cum gemitu fugit indignata sub umbras.

<sup>952</sup> cf. xi. 831.

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known studs—belt of young Pallas, whom Turnus had smitten and stretched vanquished on earth, and now wore on his shoulders his foeman's fatal badge.<sup>1</sup> The other, soon as his eyes drank in the trophy, that memorial of cruel grief, fired with fury and terrible in his wrath : “Art thou, thou clad in my loved one's spoils, to be snatched hence from my hands ? 'Tis Pallas, Pallas who with this stroke sacrifices thee, and takes atonement of thy guilty blood ! ” So saying, full in his breast he buries the sword with fiery zeal. But the other's limbs grew slack and chill, and with a moan life passed indignant to the Shades below.

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Aen.* x. 496 ff. There seems to be a double meaning in *inimicum*.



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THE poems of the Virgilian Appendix are found in none of the great Virgilian Codices, and the text of numerous passages is therefore very uncertain. For an account of the MSS. of these poems, one must consult Ribbeck's *Virgil*, vol. iv. (Leipzig, 1868); Ellis, *Appendix Vergiliana* (Oxford, 1907); and Vollmer, *Poetae Latini Minores*, vol. i. (Leipzig, 1910). Only the more noteworthy variants are here given.

Among the many other important works bearing on these poems are the following : Heyne-Lemaire's *Virgil*, vol. v. (Paris, 1820); Forbiger's *Virgil*, vol. iii. (Leipzig, 1875); Benoist's *Virgil*, vol. ii. (Paris, 1880); Ellis, "On some Disputed Passages of the *Ciris*," and "Further Notes on the *Ciris* and other Poems of the *Appendix Vergiliana*," in *American Journal of Philology*, viii. (1887); Rothstein, "De Diris et Lydia Carminibus," in *Rheinisches Museum*, xxiii. (1888); Leo's *Culex* (Berlin, 1891); Vollmer, "Coniectanea," in *Rheinisches Museum*, lv. (1900); Curcio, *Poeti Latini Minor*, vol. ii. (Catania, 1905); Linforth, "Notes on the Pseudo-Virgilian *Ciris*," in *American Journal of Philology*, xxvii. (1906); Sudhaus, "Die Klage der *Ciris*," in *Rheinisches Museum*, lx. (1906); Housman, "The Apparatus Criticus of the *Culex*," in *Transactions of the Cambridge Philological Society*, vol. vi., part i. (1908);

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Keppler, *Ueber Copa* (Leipzig, 1908); Plésent, *Le Culex* (Paris, 1910); Birt, *Jugendverse und Heimatpoesie Vergils* (Leipzig, 1910); Phillimore, "The Text of the *Culex*," in *Classical Philology*, vol. v. (1910). Professor Phillimore is one of three English scholars who have recently upheld the genuineness of the *Culex* as an early work of Virgil's, the other two being S. Elizabeth Jackson (*Classical Quarterly*, 1911, pp. 163 ff.) and W. Warde Fowler (*Classical Review*, 1914, pp. 119 ff.). The authenticity of others of these poems as well seems to be assumed by Mooney in his metrical translation of *The Minor Poems of Vergil* (Birmingham, 1916). This book, however, does not include the *Ciris*. Birt is a stout advocate of the Virgilian authorship of most of the poems of the *Catalepton*. See also vol. i., p. vii.

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LUSIMUS, Octavi, gracili modulante Thalia  
atque ut araneoli tenuem formavimus orsum.

lusimus : haec propter Culicis sint carmina dicta,  
omnis ut historiae per ludum consonet ordo  
notitiae. doctrina, vaces licet : invidus absit.  
quisquis erit culpare iocos Musamque paratus,  
pondere vel Culicis levior famaque feretur.  
posterior graviore sono tibi Musa loquetur  
nostra, dabunt cum securos mihi tempora fructus,  
ut tibi digna tuo poliantur carmina sensu. 10

\* dicta *V* : docta  $\Omega$ .      \* ut *It.* : et.

<sup>5</sup> notitiaeque ducum voces  $\Omega$ , *Leo, Vollmer* : ductum *Vat.*  
1586 : notitiae, doctumque voces *Ellis*. *The readings and interpretation adopted are Phillimore's, but must be regarded as merely an approximation to the original verse, which cannot be recovered.*

<sup>7</sup> feratur *Scaliger*.      <sup>10</sup> digna tuo *Bembo* : dignato  $\Omega$ .

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\* The principal MSS. containing the *Culex*, as given by Vollmer, are the following :—

*S* = fragmentum *Stabulense*, Paris, 17177, of the 10th century.

*F* = *Fiechtianus*, or *Mellicensis* (designated as *M* by *Ellis*), of the 10th century.

*C* = *Cantabrigiensis*, Kk. v. 34, of the 10th century.

*V* = *Vaticanus* 2759, of the 13th century.

*r* = *Corsinianus* 43 F 5, of the 14th century.

*L* = a group of MSS. of the so-called *ludus iuvenalis* of Virgil, designated as *W, B, E, A, T*, from the 9th to the 11th century.

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WE have trifled, O Octavius,<sup>1</sup> while a slender Muse marked the measure, and lo ! like tiny spiders, have fashioned our thin-spun task. We have trifled : to this end let our Gnat's song be sung, that in sportive mood throughout its course our argument may harmonize with epic story. A truce to thee, O Art ; let Envy begone ! Whoso is ready to blame our jests and Muse, shall be deemed lighter than even our Gnat in weight and name. Hereafter shall our Muse speak to thee in deeper tones, when the seasons yield me their fruits in peace, that so thou mayest find her verses polished, and worthy of thy taste.

<sup>1</sup> The later Augustus, who is still a *puer* (vv. 26, 37) when thus addressed. The young Octavius assumed the *toga virilis* in his fifteenth year, in 48 B.C., before which event this dedication, if genuine, must have been written. Suetonius asserts that the *Culex* was composed in the poet's sixteenth year (54 B.C.) ; the dedication, however, may have been inserted later.

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*Exc.* = selections, in certain MSS. of the 12th to 14th centuries, found in an anthology of the 11th century.

As a group, the above-named MSS. are designated as *Ω*.

To these Ellis adds some MSS., e.g. *b* = Mus. Brit. Add. 16562, written in 1400, and Vat(icanus) 1586, of the 14th or 15th century. Occasional references must be made to late MSS. which were emended by Italian scholars of the Renaissance. As a group, these are designated as *It*. The most notable among them is the Helmstadiensis 332, of the 15th century, designated as *H*.

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Latonae magnique Iovis decus, aurea proles,  
 Phoebus erit nostri princeps et carminis auctor  
 et recinente lyra fautor, sive educat illum  
 Arna Chimaereo Xanthi perfusa liquore,  
 seu decus Asteriae seu qua Parnasia rupes      15  
 hinc atque hinc patula praepandit cornua fronte,  
 Castaliaeque sonans liquido pede labitur unda.  
 quare, Pierii laticis decus, ite, sorores  
 Naiades, et celebrate deum ludente chorea.  
 et tu, sancta Pales, ad quam ventura recurunt      20  
 agrestum bona fetura—sit cura tenentis  
 aerios nemorum cultus silvasque virentis :  
 te cultrice vagus saltus feror inter et antra.

Et tu, cui meritis oritur fiducia chartis,  
 Octavi venerande, meis adlabere coeptis,      25  
 sancte puer : tibi namque canit non pagina bellum  
 triste Iovis ponitque . . . . .  
 Phlegra, Giganteo sparsa est quae sanguine tellus,  
 nec Centaureos Lapithas compellit in ensis,  
 urit Erichthonias Oriens non ignibus arces ;      30  
 non perfossus Athos nec magno vincula ponto  
 iacta meo quaerent iam sera volumine famam,  
 non Hellespontus pedibus pulsatus equorum,  
 Graecia cum timuit venientis undique Persas :

<sup>19</sup> plaudente *Bembo*, *Ellis*.  
<sup>20</sup> ventura] tutela *Phillimore*. recurrit Ω.  
<sup>21</sup> agrestum bona secura *FCL*: ag. bona sis : tecum *Phillimore*.  
<sup>24</sup> chartis] tantis *Phillimore*.  
<sup>27</sup> <acies quibus horruit olim> conjectured by *Bücheler*.

<sup>1</sup> i.e. Delos.

<sup>2</sup> Far below the real summit of Parnassus, the rocky cliffs that tower above Delphi present two peaks, between which, in a deep chasm, flows the Castalian stream. <sup>3</sup> The Muses.

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<sup>11</sup> The glory of Latona and mighty Jove, their golden offspring, even Phoebus, shall be the fount and source of our song, and he with resounding harp shall inspire, whether Arna nurture him—Arna, steeped in the Chimaera's stream of Xanthus—or the glory of Asteria,<sup>1</sup> or that land where Parnassus' ridge, with broad brow, spreads his horns this way and that, and Castalia's singing waves glide in their watery course.<sup>2</sup> Wherefore, come, ye sister Naiads,<sup>3</sup> glory of the Pierian spring, and throng about the god in sportive dance. Thou too, holy Pales, to whom, as they appear, the blessings of husbandmen return with increase, be thine the care of him who keeps the lofty forest-homes and woodlands green; whilst thou dost tend them, freely I roam among the glades and caves.

<sup>24</sup> Thou also, O Octavius revered,<sup>4</sup> who by the writings thou hast earned winnest confidence, graciously attend my venture, O holy youth! For thee, indeed, my page sings not Jove's gloomy war,<sup>5</sup> nor plants the lines wherewith Phlegra once bristled, the land that was sprinkled with the Giants' blood, nor drives the Lapiths upon the Centaurs' swords; the East burns not the Erichthonian towers<sup>6</sup> with flames: 'tis not the piercing of Athos, not the casting of fetters upon the mighty deep, not the Hellespont, smitten with horses' hooves, what time Greece feared the Persians, as they streamed from every side, that at this late hour shall, through my book, seek fame:

<sup>4</sup> The epithets *venerande* and *sanctus* are suggested by the youth and innocence of the boy, “who wore the same toga as priests and magistrates” (Professor Warde Fowler).

<sup>5</sup> The battle between Jupiter and the Giants, fought in Phlegra.

<sup>6</sup> i.e. Athens, burnt by the Persians, of which Erichthonius was one of the early kings; cf. *Georgics*, III. 113.

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mollia sed tenui pede currere carmina, versu  
viribus apta suis Phoebo duce ludere gaudet.  
hoc tibi, sancte puer: memorabilis et tibi certet  
gloria perpetuum lucens, mansura per aevum,  
et tibi sede pia maneat locus, et tibi sospes  
debita felicis memoretur vita per annos,  
grata bonis lucens. sed nos ad copta feramur.

35

Igneus aetherias iam Sol penetrarat in arces,  
candidaque aurato quatiebat lumina curru,  
crinibus et roseis tenebras Aurora fugarat:  
propulit e stabulis ad pabula laeta capellas  
pastor et excelsi montis iuga summa petivit,  
lurida qua patulos velabant gramina collis.  
iam silvis dumisque vagae, iam vallibus abdunt  
corpora, iamque omni celeres e parte vagantes  
tondebant tenero viridantia gramina morsu.  
scrupea desertis errabant ad cava ripis  
pendula projectis carpuntur et arbuta ramis  
densaque virgultis avide labrusca petuntur;  
haec suspensa rapit carpente cacumina morsu  
vel salicis lentae vel quae nova nascitur alnus,  
haec teneras fruticum sentis rimatur, at illa  
imminet in rivi, praestantis imaginis, undam.

45

O bona pastoris (si quis non pauperis usum  
mente prius docta fastidiat et probet illis  
sonnia luxuriae spretis), incognita curis,  
quae lacerant avidas inimico pectore mentes!

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<sup>36</sup> apta] acta *Ellis*, after a Paris MS., 8207.

<sup>40</sup> numeretur *Sillig*.

<sup>42</sup> penetrabat, *Leo*, *Vollmer*.      <sup>45</sup> laeta] nota *Thilo*.

<sup>47</sup> rorida *Haupt*: florida *Jacobs*, *Ellis*.

<sup>50</sup> tenerae . . . myrtus *Phillimore*.

<sup>51</sup> desertas (-is) herebant Ω.      ripis *Ellis*: rupes or rupis Ω.

<sup>57</sup> prostantis imaginis umbram *Ellis*.

<sup>60</sup> sonnia *Haupt*, *Ellis*: otia *Phillimore*: omnia Ω.      spretis  
V: pretiis.      <sup>61</sup> inim. p.] nimia cuppedine *Ellis*.

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but 'tis her joy that her gentle songs run with slender foot, and sport, under Phoebus' guidance, as befits her strength. This she sings for thee, holy youth ; for thee also may ennobling fame be zealous, shining for all time, and abiding throughout the ages ; for thee also may a place be stablished in the blest abode, and as thy due may there be recorded a life preserved through happy years, shining for the joy of the good ! But let me pass to my emprise.

<sup>42</sup> The fiery sun had now made his way unto heaven's heights,<sup>1</sup> and from gilded car was scattering his gleaming rays, and Dawn with roseate locks had routed darkness, when a shepherd drove forth his goats from their folds to the joyous pastures, and sought a lofty mountain's highest ridges, where pale grasses clothed the spreading slopes. As they roam, they hide themselves now in the woods and thickets, now in the vales, and now, wandering swiftly to and fro, they cropped the rich grasses with nibbling bite. Leaving the banks, they strayed toward rocky hollows, the o'erhanging arbute trees are shorn of their outstretching branches and the wild vines' thick shoots are greedily assailed. One, poised aloft, snatches with eager bite the tips, it may be of the pliant willow, or of fresh growing alder ; this gropes amid the thickets' tender briars, while that hangs over the water of the stream, its wondrous mirror.

<sup>58</sup> O the blessings of the shepherd <sup>2</sup>—if one would not, with mind already schooled, disdain the poor man's ways, and in scorn of them give approval to dreams of wealth—blessings those cares know not, that rend greedy hearts within

<sup>1</sup> i.e. from the lower world. The time is early morn, not midday.

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Georgics*, II. 458 ff.

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si non Assyrio fuerint bis lauta colore  
 Attalicis opibus data vellera, si nitor auri  
 sub laqueare domus animum non tangit avarum  
 picturaeque decus, lapidum nec fulgor in ulla  
 cognitus utilitate manet, nec pocula gratum  
 Alconis referunt Boethique toreuma nec Indi  
 conchea baca maris pretio est : at pectore puro  
 saepe super tenero prosternit gramine corpus,  
 florida cum tellus, gemmantis picta per herbas,  
 vere notat dulci distincta coloribus arva ; 70  
 atque illum, calamo laetum recinente palustri  
 otiaque invidia degentem et fraude remota  
 pollentemque sibi, viridi iam palmite lucens  
 Tmolia pampineo subter coma velat amictu.  
 illi sunt gratae rorantes lacte capellae  
 et nemus et fecunda Pales et vallibus intus  
 semper opaca novis manantia fontibus antra.

Quis magis optato queat esse beatior aevo,  
 quam qui mente procul pura sensuque probando 80  
 non avidas agnovit opes nec tristia bella  
 nec funesta timet validae certamina classis  
 nec, spoliis dum sancta deum fulgentibus ornet  
 templa vel evectus finem transcendat habendi,  
 adversum saevis ultro caput hostibus offert?  
 illi falce deus colitur, non arte politus,  
 ille colit lucos, illi Panchaia tura  
 floribus agrestes herbae variantibus addunt;

<sup>62</sup> fuerint] feriunt *Phillimore* : fervent *Ellis*.

<sup>64</sup> tangit *W* : angit *Exc. Ellis* : anget *Bücheler*.

<sup>66</sup> gratum] *Graium Heinsius*.

<sup>67</sup> referent *CVT*. Boethi] *Rhoeci Lachmann*.

<sup>71</sup> dulci *Exc. H* : dulcis *Ω* : dubiis *V<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>88</sup> addunt *Γ*, *Ellis* : adsunt *Ω*.

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warring breasts ! What though fleeces, twice dipped in Assyrian dye, be not bought for wealth of Attalus, though gleam of gold beneath the fretted ceiling of a house, and brilliancy of painting, move not a greedy soul, though flashing gems be never deemed to have aught of worth, though goblets of Alcon and reliefs of Boëthus bring no joy,<sup>1</sup> and the Indian Ocean's pearls be of no esteem ; yet, with heart free from guile, upon the soft sward he oft outstretches his frame, while blossoming earth, painted with jewelled grasses, in sweet spring marks the fields, picked out with varied hues ; and lo ! as he delights in the mere's resounding reeds, and takes his ease apart from envy and deceit, and is strong in his own strength, the leafage of Tmolus and the sheen of green boughs enwraps him beneath a cloak of vines. His are pleasing goats that drip their milky dew, his the woodland and fruitful Pales, and, deep within the vales, shaded grottoes ever trickling with fresh springs.

<sup>79</sup> Who in a happier age could be more blest than he who, dwelling afar, with pure soul and feelings well tested knows not the greed of wealth, and fears not grim wars or the fatal conflicts of a mighty fleet, nor yet, if so he may but adorn the gods' holy temples with gleaming spoils, or high uplifted may surpass the limits of wealth, wilfully risks his life, confronting savage foes ? He reverences a god shaped by pruning-knife, not by artist's skill ; he reverences the groves ; for him the grasses of the field, mottled with flowers, yield Panchaean incense ;<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> An Alcon is mentioned in *E.* v. 11. Like Boëthus, who is referred to by Pliny (*N.H.* xxxiii. 12, 55), he was probably a sculptor or engraver in metals.

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Georgics*, II. 139.

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illi dulcis adest requies et pura voluptas,  
libera, simplicibus curis; 90  
derigit 90 huc sensus, haec cura est subdita cordi,  
quolibet ut requie victu contentus abundet,  
iucundoque liget languentia corpora somno.  
o pecudes, o Panes et o gratissima Tempe  
fontis Hamadryadum, quarum non divite cultu  
aemulus Ascreao pastor sibi quisque poetae  
securam placido traducit pectore vitam !

Talibus in studiis baculo dum nixus apricas  
pastor agit curas et dum non arte canora  
compacta solitum modulatur harundine carmen, 100  
tendit inevectus radios Hyperonis ardor,  
lucidaque aetherio ponit discrimina mundo,  
qua iacit Oceanum flamas in utrumque rapacis.  
et iam compellente vagae pastore capellae  
ima susurrantis repetebant ad vada lymphae, 105  
quae subter viridem residebant caerula muscum.  
iam medias operum partis evectus erat Sol,  
cum densas pastor pecudes cogebat in umbras.  
ut procul aspexit luco residere virenti,  
Delia diva, tuo, quo quondam victa furore 110  
venit Nyctelium fugiens Cadmeis Agaue,  
infandas scelerata manus e caede cruenta—  
quae gelidis bacchata iugis requievit in antro,  
posteriorus poenam nati de morte datura.  
hic etiam viridi ludentes Panes in herba 115

<sup>92</sup> ut requiem victus *CL.*

<sup>93</sup> liget *V*: licet  $\Omega$ : levet *Exc.*

<sup>95</sup> frondis *Heinsius.*

<sup>96</sup> pastori quisque *V*, *Ellis.* poetae *H*: poeta  $\Omega$ .

<sup>100</sup> solitum *It*: solidum  $\Omega$ .

<sup>114</sup> datura *Aldine* 1534: futuram *CL*: futurum *RV.*

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his are sweet repose and unsullied pleasure, free, with simple cares. This is his goal, toward this he directs every sense; this is the thought lurking within his heart, that, content with any fare, he may be rich in repose, and in pleasant sleep may enchain his weary frame. O flocks, O Pans, O vales of Hamadryads, delightful in your springs, in whose humble worship the shepherds, vying each for himself with the bard of Ascra,<sup>1</sup> spend with tranquil hearts a care-free life.

<sup>98</sup> Amid such joys, while leaning on his staff the shepherd cons his sunny themes, and while, with no artful melody, on his joined reeds he attunes the wonted lay, burning Hyperion, mounting aloft, extends his rays, and, parting midway heaven's vault, there plants his light where into either Ocean he flings his ravenous flames. And now, driven by the shepherd, the straying goats were wending back to the pools of whispering water, which settled dark beneath the verdant moss. Now had the Sun ridden o'er the mid portion of his course, when the shepherd began to gather his flocks within the thick shade. Then <sup>2</sup> from a distance he saw them settle in thy green grove, O Delian goddess, whither once, smitten with madness, came Cadmus' daughter, Agave, flying from Nyctelius,<sup>3</sup> her cursed hands defiled with blood of slaughter—Agave, who once had revelled on the cold heights, then rested in the cave, doomed at later day for her son's death to pay penance. Here, too, Pans sporting upon the green

<sup>1</sup> Hesiod; cf. *Elegues*, vi. 70; *Georgics*, II. 176.

<sup>2</sup> The Latin sentence has no grammatical conclusion; "then" is a substitute for "when."

<sup>3</sup> i.e. Bacchus. On recovering her senses, Agave conceived a horror of Bacchus, the god whose rites she was celebrating when she slew Pentheus.

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et Satyri Dryadesque chorus egere puellae  
 Naiadum coetu : tantum non Orpheus Hebrum  
 restantem tenuit ripis silvasque canendo,  
 quantum te, pernix, remorantur, diva, chorea  
 multa tuo laetae fundentes gaudia voltu,      120  
 ipsa loci natura domum, resonante susurro,  
 quis dabat et dulci fessas refovebat in umbra.

Nam primum prona surgebant valle patentes  
 aeriae platanus, inter quas impia lotos,      125  
 impia, quae socios Ithaci maerentis abegit,  
 hospita dum nimia tenuit dulcedine captos.  
 at quibus insigni curru proiectus equorum  
 ambustus Phaethon luctu mutaverat artus,  
 Heliades, teneris implexae bracchia truncis,  
 candida fundebant tentis velamina ramis.      130  
 posterius, cui Demophoon aeterna reliquit  
 perfidiam lamentanti mala : perfide multis,  
 perfide, Demophoon, et nunc dicende puellis !  
 quam comitabantur, fatalia carmina, quercus,  
 quercus ante datae Cereris quam semina vitae :      135  
 illas Triptolemi mutavit sulcus aristis.  
 hic magnum Argoae navi decus edita pinus  
 proceros decorat silvas hirsuta per artus,  
 ac petit aeris contingere montibus astra.

<sup>116</sup> chorus (*χορούς*) Γ'L.

<sup>119</sup> pernigre morantem Ω : pernice morantur *Ellis.*

<sup>124</sup> platanus Γ: platani *VWAT.*

<sup>129</sup> implexae *Heinsius* : amplexae Ω.

<sup>132</sup> lamentanti *Weber, Ellis* : lamentandi *MSS.* perfide V<sup>o</sup>: perfida Ω.

<sup>133</sup> dicende *Leo* : deflende *Scaliger* : defende.

<sup>137</sup> addita VΓ, *Vollmer.*

<sup>139</sup> ac petit *Heinsius, Ellis* : appetit Ω. motibus *Scaliger.*

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grass, and Satyrs, and Dryad maids with the Naiad throng, once trod their dances. Not so much did Orpheus with his song stay Hebrus, lingering within his banks, or stay the woods, as much as with their dance they keep thee tarrying, O fleet goddess, gladly shedding many joys upon thy countenance—even they, to whom, of its very nature, the place with its echoing whisper gave a home, refreshing their weary forms in its sweet shade.

<sup>123</sup> For first, in the sloping vale, there arose spreading planes, towering high, and among them the wicked lotus—wicked for that she seduced the comrades of the sorrowing Ithacan, while she welcomed and held them captive with undue charm.<sup>1</sup> Then they, whose limbs Phaëthon, hurled forth in flames from the resplendent car of the Sun's steeds, had through grief transformed,—the Heliads,<sup>2</sup> their arms entwining the slender stems—from outstretched branches lavished their white veiling. Next came she,<sup>3</sup> to whom, lamenting his perfidy, Demophoon left unending grief—ah! Demophoon, “perfidious” called of many, even still worthy to be called of maidens “perfidious”! Oaks attended her, chanters of the fates<sup>4</sup>—oaks once given for man's sustenance before the grains of Ceres: these oaks the furrow of Triptolemus exchanged for ears of corn.<sup>5</sup> Here the great glory of the Argoan ship,<sup>6</sup> the lofty pine, shaggy in her stately limbs, adorns the woods, and on the skyey mountains is fain to reach the stars.

<sup>1</sup> cf. Homer, *Odyssey*, IX. 83 ff.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. Phaëthon's sisters, who were turned into poplars.

<sup>3</sup> Phyllis, who at death was changed into an almond-tree. She died of grief, supposing that Demophoon had deserted her.

<sup>4</sup> Referring to the oracle at Dodona; cf. *Georgics*, I. 8 and 147 ff.

<sup>5</sup> cf. *Georgics*, I. 19.

<sup>6</sup> cf. *Eclogues*, IV. 34 and 38.

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| ilicis et nigrae species et fleta cupressus<br>umbrosaeque manent fagus hederaeque ligantes<br>bracchia, fratnos plangat ne populus ictus,<br>ipsaeque escendent ad summa cacumina lentae<br>pinguntque aureolos viridi pallore corymbos ;<br>quis aderat veteris myrtus non nescia fati.<br>at volucres patulis residentes dulcia ramis<br>carmina per varios edunt resonantia cantus.<br>his suberat gelidis manans e fontibus unda,<br>quae levibus placidum rivis sonat acta liquorem ;<br>et quaqua geminas avium vox obstrepit auris,<br>hac querulae referunt voces, quis nantia limo<br>corpora lympha foveat ; sonitus alit aeris echo,<br>argutis et cuncta fremunt ardore cicadis.<br>at circa passim fessae cubuere capellae<br>excelsis subter dumis, quos leniter adflans<br>aura susurrantis poscit confundere venti. | 140<br>145<br>150<br>155<br>160 |
| Pastor, ut ad fontem densa requievit in umbra,<br>mitem concepit projectus membra soporem,<br>anxius insidiis nullis, sed latus in herbis<br>seculo pressos somno mandaverat artus.<br>stratus humi dulcem capiebat corde quietem,<br>ni Fors incertos iussisset ducere casus.<br>nam solitum volvens ad tempus tractibus isdem<br>immanis vario maculatus corpore serpens,<br>mersus ut in limo magno subsideret aestu,<br>obvia vibranti carpens, gravis aere, lingua,<br>squamosos late torquebat motibus orbis :   | 165                             |

<sup>140</sup> et fleta *Ellis*: et leta Ω.      <sup>141</sup> monent *Sillig*.

<sup>143</sup> descendunt Heyne: accedunt Γ: excedunt VCL.

<sup>149</sup> liquorum *Haupt, Leo.* <sup>150</sup> quaqua *Barth*: quamquam.

<sup>155</sup> subter Heyne: super: supra Г.

<sup>165</sup> subsideret *Bembo*: sub sideris: *Ellis* thinks a verse has been lost.

<sup>167</sup> *montibus VFL.*

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Still stand the shapely black ilex, the cypress of grief, shadowy beeches, and ivies binding the poplar's arms, lest, for her brother's sake,<sup>1</sup> she smite herself with blows: themselves, fast clinging, mount to the very tops, and paint their golden clusters with pale green. Hard by these was the myrtle, not unknowing of her fate of old.<sup>2</sup> The birds, the while, settling on the spreading branches, sing songs resounding in varied melodies. Beneath was water trickling from cold springs, which, wending in fine rills, murmurs in its peaceful current; and where'er voice of birds strikes upon twin ears, there in querulous tone respond the frogs, whose bodies, afloat in the mire, are nurtured by its moisture. The echoing air swells the sounds, and amid the heat all nature is humming with the shrill cicadas. Here and there, round about, lay the weary goats beneath the lofty thickets, which a breath of whispering wind, gently blowing thither, essays to disturb.

<sup>157</sup> Soon as by the spring amid the deep shade the shepherd sought repose with limbs outstretched, he fell upon a gentle sleep; troubled by no treachery, but lying at ease upon the grass, he had consigned his o'erpowered frame to care-free slumber. Prone upon the ground, he was enjoying to the full sweet restfulness—had not Fortune bade him draw uncertain lots!

<sup>163</sup> For, gliding along at his wonted time in the self-same course, a monstrous serpent, speckled and mottled in body, with intent to plunge in the mire and seek shelter from the exceeding heat,—noisome of breath, and snatching with darting tongue at all in his way—in far-circling movements was twisting

<sup>1</sup> i.e. for Phaëthon's sake.

<sup>2</sup> Myrsine, priestess of Venus, was changed into a myrtle.

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tollebant irae venientis ad omnia visus.  
iam magis atque magis corpus revolubile volvens  
attollit nitidis pectus fulgoribus, effert 170  
sublimi cervice caput, cui crista superne  
edita, purpureo lucens maculatur amictu,  
aspectuque micant flammorum lumina torvo.  
metabat sese circum loca, cum videt ingens  
adversum recubare ducem gregis. acrior instat 175  
lumina diffundens intendere et obvia torvus  
saepius arripiens infringere, quod sua quisquam  
ad vada venisset. naturae comparat arma:  
ardet mente, furit stridoribus, insonat ore,  
flexibus eversis torquentur corporis orbes, 180  
manant sanguineae per tractus undique guttae,  
spiritus erumpit fauces. cui cuncta parantur,  
parvulus hunc prior umoris conterret alumnus,  
et mortem vitare monet per acumina. namque  
qua diducta genas pandebant lumina, gemmans 185  
hac senioris erat naturae pupula telo  
icta levi, cum prosiluit furibundus et illum  
obtritum Morti misit, cui dissitus omnis  
spiritus excessit sensus. tum torva tenentem  
lumina respexit serpentem communis; inde  
impiger, exanimis, vix compos mente refugit,  
et validum dextra detraxit ab arbore truncum. 190  
qui casus sociarit opem numenve deorum,  
prodere sit dubium, valuit sed vincere talis  
horrida squamosi volventia membra draconis,

<sup>168</sup> irae *Leo*: herbae *Rilbeck*: acies *Vollmer*: aurae Ω.

<sup>170</sup> effert Friesemann, Ellis: ecfert Ribbeck: ecce Leo:  
et se Ω. <sup>174</sup> ingens] amens Phillimore.

<sup>176</sup> torvo Ω: torua Γ. <sup>178</sup> computat Γ. *Ellis.*

<sup>179</sup> insonat  $\Gamma$ : intonat. <sup>180</sup> torquetur *VCL*

<sup>182</sup> parantur *Housman*: paranti.

<sup>185</sup> gemmans Schrader: gemmas Γ: gemmis Ω.

<sup>186</sup> natura l': mature Bothe, Ellis. <sup>181</sup> exanimus.

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his scaly coils : as on he came, he upraised his eyes in anger to survey the whole scene. Now, rolling more and more his writhing body, he uplifts his breast with gleaming flashes ; on his towering neck he rears his head, and his crest rises aloft ; his purple coat shines and sparkles, and his blazing eye gleams with savage look. He was surveying the ground round about, when, lying in his way, the monster espied the guardian of the flock. More fiercely he rolls his eyes and presses on in his course, and more often does he seize and crush what lies in his path, infuriate that any man had come to his waters. Nature's weapons he makes ready : he rages in mind, he hisses in wrath ; his mouth resounds ; his body's coils writhe in upheaving curves ; all along his course trickle drops of blood ; his breathing bursts his jaws.

<sup>182</sup> Him, against whom all is preparing, a tiny nursling of the damp affrights in time, and warns by its sting to avoid death. For where the eyes were parted and opened their lids, there the old man's jewelled orb was smitten by the light dart Nature had furnished. Thereat, full of rage, he leaped forth, and crushed and slew the Gnat, whose breath, all dispersed, quitted his senses. Then, near at hand, as it fixed its fierce eyes upon him, he espied the serpent ; and thereon with speed, dismayed and wellnigh rest of wit, he fled aback, and with his hand tore from a tree a sturdy bough. What chance gave him aid, or what spirit divine, it were hard to tell, but such as he was, he availed to worst the scaly serpent's dreadful writhing limbs, and as it

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atque reluctantis crebris foedeque petentis  
 ictibus ossa ferit, cingunt qua tempora cristae.  
 et quod erat tardus somni languore remoti  
 nec senis aspiciens timor obcaecaverat artus,  
 hoc minus implicuit dira formidine mentem.  
 quem postquam vidit caesum languescere, sedit.

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Iam quatit et biugis oriens Erebois equos Nox  
 et piger aurata procedit Vesper ab Oeta,  
 cum grege compulso pastor, duplicantibus umbris,  
 vadit et in fessos requiem dare comparat artus.  
 cuius ut intravit levior per corpora somnus  
 languidaque effuso requierunt membra sopore,  
 effigies ad eum Culicis devenit et illi  
 tristis ab eventu cecinit convicia mortis.

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“ quis,” inquit, “ meritis ad quae delatus acerbas  
 cogor adire vices? tua dum mihi carior ipsa  
 vita fuit vita, rapior per inania ventis.  
 tu lentus refoves iucunda membra quiete,  
 ereptus taetris e cladibus; at mea Manes  
 viscera Lethaeas cogunt transnare per undas;  
 praeda Charonis agor, vidi et flagrantia taedis  
 limina: conludent infernis omnia templis.  
 obvia Tisiphone, serpentibus undique compta,  
 et flamas et saeva quatit mihi verbera. pone  
 Cerberus, et diris flagrant latratibus ora,  
 anguibus hinc atque hinc horrent cui colla reflexis,  
 sanguineique micant ardorem luminis orbes.

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<sup>198</sup> remoti *Vollmer*: remoto.

<sup>199</sup> nec senis *Hertzberg*: nescius Ω: nec prius *Sillig*.

<sup>200</sup> implevit *V<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>210</sup> quis inquit *Heyne*: quid inquit Γ: inquit quid.

<sup>212</sup> ventis] Averni *Heinsius*.

<sup>216</sup> vidi et Γ: vides (vidi) ut.

<sup>217</sup> limina *AT*: lumina.

<sup>221</sup> horrent *H*: arent Ω.

<sup>220</sup> et] en *Ribbeck*, *Vollmer*.

<sup>222</sup> sanguineaque.

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struggles and assails in hideous wise, he with frequent strokes smites its bones, where the crest fringes its temples ; and in that he was dulled with the drowsiness of the sleep he had shaken off, and fear at sight of his foe had not yet benumbed his aged limbs, he did not so much confuse his mind with direful terror ; but, soon as he saw the monster languish in death, he sat him down.

<sup>202</sup> Now Night, arising, was urging on her steeds in the two-horse car of Erebus,<sup>1</sup> and slow Vesper was advancing from golden Oeta,<sup>2</sup> when the shepherd, his flock folded, wended his way in the thickening shadows, and prepared to give rest to his weary frame. Soon as gentle sleep passed o'er his body, and his listless limbs, steeped in slumber, sank to rest, there descended upon him the spectre of the Gnat, and sang him reproachful strains by reason of his sad death : "What deserts are mine?" he cries, "and to what ills am I wafted, who am called to face a bitter requital? While thy life was dearer to me than life itself, I am swept by the winds through empty space. Thou, at thine ease, in sweet repose refreshest thy limbs, thou that wast snatched from a hideous death; but my remains the Shades compel to pass o'er Lethe's waters; as Charon's spoil am I driven, and thresholds aflame with brands have I beheld: in those regions below all is ablaze. Tisiphone, her locks wreathed on every side with serpents, besets the way and brandishes before me fires and cruel scourges; behind her is Cerberus, his mouths inflamed with fearful barking, his necks bristling with twisted snakes this way and that, and his eyes flashing the fire of a blood-red light. Alas!

<sup>1</sup> Night is sister and wife of Erebus.

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Eclogues*, viii. 30.

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heu, quid ab officio digressa est gratia, cum te  
 restitui superis leti iam limine ab ipso?  
 praemia sunt pietatis ubi, pietatis honores?      225  
 in vanas abidere vices, et rure recessit  
 Iustitiae prior illa fides. instantia vidi  
 alterius, sine respectu mea fata relinquens  
 ad parilis agor eventus: fit poena merenti.  
 poena sit exitium; modo sit tum grata voluntas, 230  
 exsistat par officium. feror avia carpens,  
 avia Cimmerios inter distantia lucos;  
 quam circa tristes densemur in omnia poenae!  
 nam vinctus sedet immanis serpentibus Otos,  
 devinctum maestus procul aspiciens Ephialten, 235  
 conati quondam cum sint rescindere mundum;  
 et Tityos, Latona, tuae memor anxius irae  
 (implacabilis ira nimis) iacet alitis esca.  
 terreor, a, tantis insistere, terreor, umbris,  
 ad Stygias revocatus aquas! vix ultimus amni      240  
 exstat, nectareas divum qui prodidit escas,  
 gutturus arenti revolutus in omnia sensu.  
 quid saxum procul adverso qui monte revolvit,  
 contempsisse dolor quem numina vincit acerbans?  
 otia querentem frustra sinite; ite puellae,      245  
 ite, quibus taedas accendit tristis Erinys:

<sup>226</sup> iure *BГ.*      <sup>227</sup> Iustitia et Schrader.

<sup>228</sup> relinquens? *Phillimore.*

<sup>229</sup> agmina *Jacobs*: ostia *Ellis.*

<sup>230</sup> rescindere *V*: inscendere *Ω*.

<sup>231</sup> tuas . . . iras *Ω* (*except V*).

<sup>240</sup> ad . . . aquas commonly taken with what follows.

<sup>241</sup> acerbans *V*: acerbas *SL*: -am *Г.*

<sup>245</sup> sinite, ite *Leo*: siblite: sub lite *Г*: sub lite? quid illae *Phillimore.*      <sup>246</sup> accendi *Ellis.*

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why failed my kindness to win the service due,  
when even from Death's very threshold, I restored  
thee to the living? Where is the guerdon of kind-  
ness, where kindness' due return? Gone to an  
empty requital, and that old-time faith in Justice  
has passed from out the land.<sup>1</sup> I saw the fate  
which threatened another; mine own I left without  
regard, and now am driven to a doom like unto his:  
punishment falls to the deserving. Let the punish-  
ment be death; only let there be a grateful heart,  
let an equal service be rendered!

<sup>231</sup> "I take my way o'er pathless regions—path-  
less regions far away amid Cimmerian groves, and  
about me throng the woeful penalties for all mis-  
deeds. For, fast bound with serpents, monstrous  
Otus sits, mournfully gazing at Ephialtes, enchain'd  
hard by, for that once they essayed to tear down  
heaven<sup>2</sup>; and Tityus in distress, mindful, O Latona,  
of thy wrath (too insatiate thy wrath!) is lying  
there, meat for winged fowl.<sup>3</sup> I fear, ah! I fear  
me to press nigh such mighty shades,—I, called  
back to the Stygian waters. With head scarce  
rising above the stream, stands he who betrayed  
the nectar-feasts of the gods,<sup>4</sup> turning in all direc-  
tions with fever-stricken throat. What of him,  
who rolls a stone up the mount afar, whom em-  
bittering pain convicts of having scorned the gods?<sup>5</sup>  
Let me be,—me, vainly seeking repose; go, ye  
maidens,<sup>6</sup> go ye, for whom gloomy Erinys<sup>7</sup> kindled  
the torches: in guise of Hymen Erinys spake the

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Georgics*, II. 473 f.      <sup>2</sup> cf. *Aen.* VI. 582.

<sup>3</sup> cf. *Aen.* VI. 595.      <sup>4</sup> Tantalus.

<sup>5</sup> i.e. Sisyphus; cf. *Georgics*, III. 39.

<sup>6</sup> The Danaids; cf. *Aen.* X. 497.

<sup>7</sup> cf. *Aen.* II. 337.

## VIRGIL

nec timuit Phlegethonta, furens, ardentibus undis  
 nec maesta obtenta Ditis ferrugine regna  
 defossasque domos ac Tartara nocte cruenta  
 obsita nec faciles Ditis sine iudice sedes,      275  
 iudice, qui vitae post mortem vindicat acta.  
 sed Fortuna valens audacem fecerat ante :  
 iam rapidi steterant amnes et turba ferarum  
 blanda voce sequax regionem insederat Orphei,  
 iamque imam viridi radicem moverat alte      280  
 quercus humo . . . . . silvaeque sonorae  
 sponte sua cantus rapiebant cortice avara.  
 labentis biugis etiam per sidera Lunae  
 pressit equos, et tu cupientis, menstrua virgo,  
 auditura lyram, tenuisti nocte relicta.      285  
 haec eadem potuit, Ditis, te vincere, coniunx,  
 Eurydicensque ultro ducendam reddere : non fas,  
 non erat invictae divae exorable mortis.  
 illa quidem, nimium Manis experta severos,  
 praeceptum signabat iter, nec rettulit intus      290  
 lumina nec divae corrupit munera lingua ;  
 sed tu crudelis, crudelis tu magis, Orpheu,  
 oscula cara petens rupisti iussa deorum.  
 dignus amor venia ; gratum, si Tartara nossent,  
 peccatum : meminisse grave est. vos sede piorum, 295  
 vos manet heroum contra manus. hic et uterque  
 Aeacides : Peleus namque et Telamonia virtus

<sup>272</sup> furentem *Bembo, Ellis.*

<sup>274</sup> defossasque *VB<sup>2</sup>:* nec fossasque  $\Omega$ , *Vollmer.*

<sup>275</sup> Dictaeo *Scaliger.*

<sup>281</sup> steterant amnes (*from 278*) *has supplanted the original.*

<sup>283</sup> luna *CBE.*

<sup>284</sup> cupientis *Leo:* currentis (-es).

<sup>284</sup> venia est *Exc.* [Tartara] numina  $\Gamma$ .

## CULEX

in his frenzy, feared not Phlegethon nor his blazing waters, nor the mournful realms of Dis, o'erlaid with gloom, the dwellings of Tartarus, buried deep, and beset with cruel night, nor the abodes of Dis, easy of entry were there not a judge<sup>1</sup>—a judge, who after death passes sentence on the deeds of life. But Fortune, potent in the past, had made him bold. Ere then, swift rivers had stood still; the throng of wild beasts, following by reason of his alluring voice, had pressed close upon Orpheus; and ere then, from the green ground, the oak had moved its deepest root aloft, and of their own free will the whistling woods were snatching his songs with greedy bark. Even in their gliding course amid the stars he checked Luna's twin-yoked steeds, and at their desire, thou thyself, O maiden of the month, eager to hear the lyre, didst hold them back, deserting the night. This same lyre availed to conquer thee, O bride of Dis, and make thee of thine own will restore Eurydice, to be led away. No right over unvanquished death had the goddess, no right that would yield to prayer. Eurydice indeed, who ere this had found the Shades too stern, was marking out the path prescribed, and turned not her eyes to gaze within, nor annulled the goddess' gifts by speech. But thou cruel one, thou more cruel, Orpheus, seeking her dear kisses, didst break the commandments of the gods! Worthy of pardon was thy love; pleasing thy sin, did Hell but know: yet grievous is the remembrance.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>295</sup> “For you, O heroines, over against you in the house of the righteous, there waits a band of heroes. Here are the two sons of Aeacus: for Peleus and

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Aen.* vi. 431.

<sup>2</sup> This seems to refer back to 268 above; Eurydice remembers with sorrow.

## VIRGIL

<mont>ibus in se<getes, sic alter proicit ignes> 318A  
 tegminibus telisque super, <quis hostibus arma>  
 eriperet redditus, alter Volcania ferro 320  
 volnera protectus depellere navibus instat.

“ Hos erat Aeacides voltu laetus honores,  
 Dardaniaeque alter fuso quod sanguine campis  
 Hectoreo victor lustravit corpore Troiam.  
 rursus acerba fremunt, Paris hunc quod letat, et huius  
 firma dolis Ithaci virtus quod concidit icta. 326  
 huic gerit aversos proles Laertia voltus,  
 et iam Strymonii Rhesi victorque Dolonis,  
 Pallade iam laetatur ovans, rurusque tremescit :  
 iam Ciconas iamque horret atrox Laestrygonas ipse.  
 illum Scylla rapax, canibus succincta Molossis, 331  
 Aetnaeusque Cyclops, illum Zanclaea Charybdis  
 pallentesque lacus et squalida Tartara terrent.

“ Hic et Tantaleae generamen prolis Atrides  
 assidet, Argivum lumen, quo flamma regente 335  
 Doris Erichthonias prostravit funditus arces.  
 reddidit, heu, Graius poenas tibi, Troia, ruenti,  
 Hellespontiacis obiturus reddidit undis.  
 illa vices hominum testata est copia quondam,  
 ne quisquam propriae Fortunae munere dives 340  
 iret ineuctus caelum super : omne propinquo  
 frangitur invidiae telo decus. ibat in altum

<sup>322</sup> hos *Haupt* : hoc Ω : hic *V.* honore *Scaliger*.

<sup>326</sup> firma *Leo* : alta *Scaliger* : arma.

<sup>330</sup> lestrigone (*last word lost*) Ω : -es ipse *V.* : -as ipse *Ribbeck*. limen *Ellis* : litus *Vollmer*.

<sup>332</sup> Zanclea *V.* : metuenda Ω : et verida Γ.

<sup>337</sup> Troia ruenti *Bembo* : troia furenti *VSL* : troias venti Γ.

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the mountains upon the corn-fields : so from above the one hurls fires upon shields and darts, that thereby he may rob the foe of weapons of return ; the other, guarding himself with his sword, presses on to ward off from the ships the assaults of Vulcan.

322 “ At these glories the son of Aeacus was glad of countenance, and likewise the other, for that, when the Dardan fields were drenched with blood, he victoriously compassed Troy with the body of Hector. Again, they chafe bitterly, for that Paris slew the one, and the other’s sturdy valour fell stricken by the Ithacan’s wiles. From him the seed of Laertes<sup>1</sup> keeps his countenance averted ; and now, as victor over Strymonian Rhesus and over Dolon, and now, as triumphant over Pallas, rejoices, then again trembles : he, the dreaded one, shudders, now at the Cicones, and now at the Laestrygonians. Him ravenous Scylla, girt with her Molossian hounds, and the Cyclops of Aetna affright ; him Zanclaeon Charibdis, and the dim lakes and foul Tartarus.

334 “ Here too beside him sits the son of Atreus, offspring of the race of Tantalus, the light of Greece, beneath whose rule Doric flame utterly laid low the Erichthonian citadels.<sup>2</sup> The Greeks, alas ! paid penance to thee, O Troy, for thy fall—paid it, when doomed to death in the Hellespont’s waves.<sup>3</sup> That force bore witness in its time to human vicissitudes, lest anyone, enriched by his own Fortune’s bounty, should mount exalted above the heavens : all glory is shattered by Envy’s nigh-awaiting dart.<sup>4</sup> The

<sup>1</sup> Ulysses.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. Troy, Erichthonius being son of Dardanus. Yet at 30, above, the same expression is used of Athens.

<sup>3</sup> Used for the whole Aegean. The Greeks were shipwrecked off Euboea.

<sup>4</sup> “ Envy” here is retribution or Nemesis.

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vis Argea petens patriam, ditataque praeda  
 arcis Erichthoniae ; comes huic erat aura secunda      345  
 per placidum cursu pelagus ; Nereis ad undas  
 signa dabat, sparsim flexis super acta carinis :  
 cum seu caelesti fato seu sideris ortu  
 undique mutatur caeli nitor, omnia ventis,  
 omnia turbinibus sunt anxia. iam maris unda  
 sideribus certat consurgere, iamque superne      350  
 corripere et soles et sidera cuncta minatur  
 ac ruere in terras caeli fragor. hic modo laetans  
 copia nunc miseris circumdatur anxia fatis,  
 immoriturque super fluctus et saxa Capherei,  
 Euboicas aut per cautis Aegaeaque late      355  
 litora, cum Phrygiae passim vaga praeda peremptae  
 omnis in aequoreo fluitat iam naufraga fluctu.

“ Hic alii resident pariles virtutis honore  
 heroes, mediisque siti sunt sedibus, omnes,  
 omnes Roma decus magni quos suspicit orbis.      360  
 hic Fabii Deciique, hic est et Horatia virtus,  
 hic et fama vetus, numquam moritura, Camilli,  
 Curtius et, mediis quem quondam sedibus urbis  
 devotum telis consumpsit gurges in unda,  
 Mucius et, prudens ardorem corpore passus,      365  
 cui cessit Lydi timefacta potentia regis.  
 hic Curius clarae socius virtutis et ille

<sup>345</sup> ab unda *Paldam* : ab undis *Housman*.

<sup>346</sup> sparsim flexis *Ellis* : passim flexis *Housman* : parsim  
 flexis Γ : pars inflexis Ω, *commonly read*.

<sup>352</sup> laetans *Ellis* : l(a)etum : letam Γ : laeta *commonly read*.

<sup>356</sup> peremptae *H*, *Bembo* : -ta.      <sup>357</sup> naufraga (-ge) luctu Γ*V*.

<sup>358</sup> resident *Ellis* : sident or sidunt.

<sup>360</sup> suspicit *Heinsius* : suscipit.

<sup>362</sup> mediis Γ*V* : medius *SFC**L*.

<sup>364</sup> telis *Ellis* : livens *Housman* : pallens *Leo* : bellis Ω.

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Argive power was passing seaward, seeking its homeland, and fattened with spoils from the Erichthonian citadel. A favourable breeze attended it in peaceful course upon the deep; a Nereid was giving signals towards the main, riding, now here and now there, above the curved keels: when lo! either by fate of heaven, or through some rising star, on all sides the sky's brightness changes; all is troubled by blasts, all by whirlwinds. Now the sea's waves strive to mount to the stars, and now aloft the crashing sky threatens to seize all, both suns and stars, and dash them to earth. Here the host—but lately joyous, now afflicted—is beset by unhappy fates, and perishes upon the floods and rocks of Caphereus, or along the Euboean cliffs and broad Aegean shores, while all the prey from plundered Phrygia, drifting far and near, tossed in wreckage upon the ocean waves.

358 "Here abide others like unto them in valorous repute, all heroes, settled in the midst of these abodes, all whom Rome esteems as the glory of the mighty world. Here are the Fabii and the Decii, and here the brave Horatius; here Camillus, whose olden fame shall never die; and Curtius, whom once in the midst of the city's homes, willing victim of javelins, the flood swallowed up in its waters;<sup>1</sup> and wise Mucius, who in his flesh endured the flames, and to whom the might of the Lydian king yielded in fear.<sup>2</sup> Here is Curius, allied to glorious valour,

<sup>1</sup> A reference to the Lacus Curtius in the Roman Forum, into which a youth named Curtius rode on his horse at full speed, then disappeared.

<sup>2</sup> C. Mucius, when threatened with torture and death by Porsenna (called Lydian because he was Etruscan), thrust his right hand into the altar-flames and held it there until it was consumed.

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Flaminius, devota dedit qui corpora flammae,  
 (iure igitur tales sedes, pietatis honores),  
 Scipiadaeque duces, quorum devota triumphis  
 moenia Romanis Libycae Karthaginis horrent. 370

“ Illi laude sua vigeant : ego Ditis opacos  
 cogor adire lacus, vidoos, a, lumine Phoebi,  
 et vastum Phlegethonta pati, quo, maxime Minos,  
 conscelerata pia discernis vincula sede. 375  
 ergo iam causam mortis, iam dicere vitae  
 verberibus saevae cogunt sub iudice Poenae,  
 cum mihi tu sis causa mali, nec conscientius adsis ;  
 sed tolerabilibus curis haec immemor audis  
 et tamen ut vades, dimittes omnia ventis. 380  
 digredior numquam redditurus : tu cole fontem  
 et viridis nemorum silvas et pascua laetus ;  
 et mea diffusas rapiantur dicta per auras.”  
 dixit et extrema tristis cum voce recessit.

Hunc ubi sollicitum dimisit inertia vitae, 385  
 interius graviter regementem, nec tulit ultra  
 sensibus infusum Culicis de morte dolorem,  
 quantumcumque sibi vires tribuere seniles  
 (quis tamen infestum pugnans devicerat hostem),  
 rivum propter aquae viridi sub fronde latentem 390  
 conformare locum capit impiger. hunc et in orbem

<sup>368</sup> Flam(m)inius *has perhaps supplanted* Caecilius, *read by Loensis.*

<sup>371</sup> romanis *VR*: rapidis *SFCL*: vepretis *Haupt*: sub lappis *Ellis.*

<sup>374</sup> maximie *Nodell*: maxima. <sup>375</sup> discernit.

<sup>376</sup> ergo quam . . . iam Ω: iam . . . iam *Heyne*: quom . . . tuni *Ellis.*

<sup>379</sup> tolerabilius cures. *Ellis.* audis? *Ellis.*

<sup>380</sup> et tamen ut vadis Ω: et mane ut vades *Usener*: ut tamen audieris *Ellis*: et temere, ut vades, dimittes somnia ventis *Busche*.

<sup>381</sup> fontem Γ: fontes (is).

<sup>383</sup> *Scaliger placed after 380.* et Ω: at *Heyne*.

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and great Flaminus,<sup>1</sup> who gave his body a victim to the flame (justly then hath he such an abode, piety's reward) and those Scipio chiefs, doomed by whose Roman triumphs the walls of Libyan Carthage are become a desolation.

372 "Let them live in their renown: but I am forced to pass to those shadowy pools of Dis, that are, alas! bereft of the light of Phoebus, and to suffer waste Phlegethon, whereby, O mighty Minos, thou partest the prison-house of the wicked from the abode of the righteous! So before the judge the cruel Fiends with scourges force me to plead my cause, now of death, and now of life,<sup>2</sup> though thou art cause of my ill, and aidest not with thy witness, but with lightly borne cares hearest these my words, unmindful, and despite of all, when thou goest thy way, thou wilt dismiss all to the winds. I pass hence, never to return; do thou, rejoicing, haunt the spring, and green forest-groves, and pastures; and for my words, let them be swept aside by the random breezes!" He spake, and with the last accents sadly went his way.

385 Now when life's langour quitted that anxious shepherd, from whose breast heavy sighs resounded, and when no more could he brook the sorrow for the Gnat's death that flooded his senses, then in so far as his aged strength suffered him—wherewith, none the less, he had fought and vanquished his fierce foe—hard by the running stream that lurked beneath green leafage, he busily begins to fashion a place, marking

<sup>1</sup> If the reading is correct, this is some person unknown. If "Caecilius" should be read, the reference would be to Caecilius Metellus, who once rescued the Palladium from the burning temple of Vesta, and thereby lost his eyes.

<sup>2</sup> The issue is one of eternal weal or woe.

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destinat ac ferri capulum repetivit in usum,  
gramineam viridi ut foderet de caespite terram.  
iam memor inceptum peragens sibi cura labore  
congestum cumulavit opus, atque aggere multo 395  
telluris tumulus formatum crevit in orbem.  
quem circum lapidem levi de marmore formans  
conserit; assidue curae memor. hic et acanthos  
et rosa purpureum crescent pudibunda ruborem  
et violae omne genus; hic est et Spartica myrtus 400  
atque hyacinthos et hic Cilici crocus editus arvo,  
laurus item Phoebi surgens decus; hic rhododaphne  
liliaque et roris non avia cura marini  
herbaque turis opes priscis imitata Sabina  
chrysanthusque hederaeque nitor pallente corymbo,  
et bocchus Libyae regis memor. hic amaranthus 406  
bumastusque virens et semper florida tinus.  
non illinc Narcissus abest, cui gloria formae  
igne Cupidineo proprios exarsit in artus;  
et quoscumque novant vernantia tempora flores, 410  
his tumulus super inseritur. tum fronde locatur  
elogium, tacita format quod littera voce:  
“parve Culex, pecudum custos tibi tale merenti  
funeris officium vitae pro munere reddit.”

<sup>399</sup> rubicunda *FCL*: rubibunda *B.* ruborem *ΓV*: terrorem  
*L*: tenorem *Plésent.*

<sup>400</sup> parthica *V*: pastica *Γ*

<sup>402</sup> decus surgens *Ω*: decus ut sua pagina *V*: urgens *Voll-*  
*mer*: ingens *Housman.* <sup>404</sup> Sabinas *V.*

<sup>407</sup> pinus *Ω*: tinus *Salmasius.* <sup>408</sup> cui] qui *Leo.*

<sup>411</sup> hic *Γ.* <sup>412</sup> firmat *VIIC*: firma *L.*

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it in circular form, and oft turning to service his iron spade, to dig up grassy sods from the green turf. And now his mindful care, pursuing the toil begun, heaped up a towering work, and with broad rampart the earthy mound grew into the circle he had traced. Round about this, mindful of constant care, he sets stones, fashioned from polished marble.

<sup>398</sup> Here are to grow acanthus and the blushing rose with crimson bloom, and violets of every kind. Here are Spartan myrtle and hyacinth, and here saffron, sprung from Cilician fields, and soaring laurel, the glory of Phoebus. Here are oleander, and lilies, and rosemary, tended in familiar haunts, and the Sabine plant,<sup>1</sup> which for men of old feigned rich frankincense ; and marigold, and glistening ivy, with pale clusters, and bocchus, mindful of Libya's king.<sup>2</sup> Here are amaranth, blooming bumastus,<sup>3</sup> and ever-flowering laurustine. Yonder fails not the Narcissus, whose noble beauty kindled with Love's flame for his own<sup>4</sup> limbs ; and what flowers soever the spring seasons renew, with these the mound is strewn above. Then upon its face is placed an epitaph, which letters thus fashion with silent voice : " Little Gnat, to thee, so well deserving, the guardian of the flocks pays this service of death in return for the boon of life."

<sup>1</sup> The savin, *juniperus sabina*.

<sup>2</sup> This unknown plant was named from Bocchus, a king of Mauretania, probably the father-in-law of Jugurtha, though perhaps a later king of the same name.

<sup>3</sup> cf. *Georgics*, II. 102.

<sup>4</sup> The youth Narcissus, falling in love with his own image, as reflected in a fountain, pined away and was changed into the flower that bears his name.

## CIRIS \*

Etsi me, vario iactatum laudis amore  
irritaque expertum fallacis praemia volgi,  
Cecropius suavis exspirans hortulus auras  
florentis viridi sophiae complectitur umbra,  
ut mens curet eo dignum sibi quaerere carmen      5  
longe aliud studium atque alios accincta labores  
(altius ad magni suspexit sidera mundi  
et placitum paucis ausa est ascendere collem) :  
non tamen absistam coeptum detexere munus,  
in quo iure meas utinam requiescere Musas      10  
et leviter blandum liceat deponere amorem.

Quod si mirificum genus o Mes< sala . . . >  
(mirificum sed enim, modo sit tibi velle libido),  
si me iam summa Sapientia pangeret arce,

<sup>1</sup> vario] vano *Heinsius*.      <sup>3</sup> auras] herbas *A<sup>1</sup>*.  
<sup>5</sup> ut mens *Bücheler* : tum mea(ea) or tu mea.    curet *Leo* :  
quiret *Bücheler* : nec mens quivit *Némethy*.

<sup>7</sup> suspexit *Schrader* : suspendit : suspensi *L*.  
<sup>10</sup> iure] rite *Schrader* : nure *Heinsius*.  
<sup>11</sup> amorem *It.* : morem.  
<sup>12</sup> Thus *Vollmer*, but the passage is corrupt, the close of the  
verse being lost, and perhaps another verse as well.    Mes< sala  
parentum> *Leo* : genus omnes *MSS*.  
<sup>13</sup> sed enim] Valeri *Némethy*.

\* The MSS. cited are *B* = Bruxellensis 10675-6 of the  
12th century, containing however only ll. 454-541; *Exc.* (for  
which see introductory note to the *Culex*) ; and *Z*, designat-  
ing a lost codex, which was the parent of the following:  
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TOSSED though I am, this way and that, by love of renown, and knowing full well that the fickle throng's rewards are vain ; though the Attic garden,<sup>1</sup> breathing forth sweet fragrance, enwraps me in fine-flowering Wisdom's verdant shade, so that my mind is fain to go in quest of a song worthy thereof, prepared though she is for far different tasks and far different toils—she has looked aloft to the stars of the mighty firmament, and has dared to climb the hill<sup>2</sup> that has found favour with few—yet I will not cease to fulfil the task I have begun, wherein I pray that my Muses may find their due repose, and lightly lay aside that seductive love.

<sup>12</sup> But if, O Messalla, thou <bearest with> a task so wondrous in kind—wondrous indeed, if only thy fancy favour it—if Wisdom, exalted partner of those four heirs of olden days,<sup>3</sup> now planted me on her

<sup>1</sup> Referring to the garden in Athens, where Epicurus used to teach.

<sup>2</sup> The hill of wisdom, or philosophy.

<sup>3</sup> The four philosophers—Plato, Aristotle, Zeno, and Epicurus.

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*H* = Helmstadiensis 332, of the 15th century ; *L* = Vaticanus 3255, written by Pomponius Laetus ; *A* = Arundelianus 133 and *R* = Rehdigeranus 125, both of the 15th century. Ellis also cites *U* = Urbinas 353 of the Vatican Library, a late 15th century MS. To the articles cited on p. 368 should be added Ellis, "New Suggestions on the *Ciris*," in *American Journal of Philology*, xv. (1894).

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quattuor antiquis heredibus edita consors, 15  
 unde hominum errores longe lateque per orbem  
 despicere atque humilis possem contemnere curas ;  
 non ego te talem venerarer munere tali,  
 non equidem, quamvis interdum ludere nobis  
 et gracilem molli libeat pede claudere versum ; 20  
 sed magno intexens, si fas est dicere, peplo,  
 qualis Erechtheis olim portatur Athenis,  
 debita cum castae solvuntur vota Minervae  
 tardaque confecto redeunt quinquennia lustro,  
 cum levis alterno Zephyrus concrebruit Euro 25  
 et prono gravidum provexit pondere currum.  
 felix illa dies, felix et dicitur annus,  
 felices, qui talem annum videre diemque.  
 ergo Palladiae texuntur in ordine pugnae,  
 magna Giganteis ornantur pepla tropaeis, 30  
 horrida sanguineo pinguntur proelia cocco.  
 additur aurata deiectus cuspide Typhon,  
 qui prius, Ossaeis conscendens aethera saxis,  
 Emathio celum duplicabat vertice Olympum.

Tale deae velum sollempni tempore portant ; 35  
 tali te vellem, iuvenum doctissime, ritu  
 purpureos inter soles et candida lunae  
 sidera, caeruleis orbem pulsantia bigis,

<sup>15</sup> edita *Baehrens* : est data.      <sup>17</sup> possim : possum *H<sup>1</sup>L*.  
<sup>22</sup> quale *H<sup>2</sup>*.      <sup>25</sup> concrebuit *HA*.  
<sup>28</sup> currum *Barth* : cursum.      <sup>27</sup> ille *HL*.  
<sup>31</sup> sanguinea p. p. *Gorgo Baehrens*.  
<sup>33</sup> conscendens *Kreunen* : consternens.  
<sup>34</sup> duplicarat *Buehrens*.      <sup>36</sup> velim *AR*.

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<sup>1</sup> The poem with which the writer would like to honour his patron is compared to the *peplos*, richly embroidered

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topmost citadel, whence, o'er the world far and wide, I could look down upon the errors of men, and despise their lowly cares, thee I should not be honouring, great as thou art, with gift so slight—no verily, albeit at times we may be pleased to trifle, and to round a slender verse with smooth-running feet; but I should weave a story into an ample robe,<sup>1</sup> if thus to speak be lawful, such as is borne in Erechthean Athens, what time due vows are paid to chaste Minerva, and the fifth-year feast slowly returns at the lustre's close, when the gentle West-wind waxes strong against his rival of the East, and bears onward the car, heavy with its o'erhanging weight. Happy that day is called, happy that year, and happy are they who have looked upon such a year and such a day! Thus in due order are inwoven the battles of Pallas: the great robes are adorned with the trophies of Giants, and grim combats are depicted in blood-red scarlet. There is added he, who was hurled down by the golden spear—Typhon, who aforetime, when mounting into heaven on the rocks of Ossa, essayed to double the height of Olympus by piling thereon the Emathian mount.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>35</sup> Such is the goddess' sail, borne at the solemn season, and on such wise, most learned youth, would I fain enweave thee, amid roseate suns, and the moon's white star, that makes heaven throb with her

with figures (*cf.* 29 *seq.*) which was offered to Athena at the great Panathenaic festival. This was solemnized every five years in the month of Hecatombaean, the first month of the Attic year. The *peplos*, outstretched like a sail, was carried to the temple on a ship (here called *currus*) which was drawn through the streets of Athens on rollers.

<sup>2</sup> Pelion, a mountain of Thessaly, which Emathia here represents; *cf.* *Georgics*, I. 281 ff.

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naturae rerum magnis intexere chartis ;  
aeternum ut sophiae coniunctum carmine nomen 40  
nostra tuum senibus loqueretur pagina saeclis.

Sed quoniam ad tantas nunc primum nascimur artes,  
nunc primum teneros firmamus robore nervos,  
haec tamen interea, quae possumus, in quibus aevi  
prima rudimenta et iuvenes exegimus annos, 45  
accipe dona meo multum vigilata labore  
promissa atque diu iam tandem <reddita vota>  
impia prodigiis ut quondam exterrita amoris  
Scylla novos avium sublimis in aere coetus  
viderit et tenui concendens aethera pinna 50  
caeruleis sua tecta supervolitaverit alis,  
hanc pro purpureo poenam scelerata capillo,  
pro patris solvens excisa et funditus urbe.

Complures illam et magni, Messalla, poetae  
(nam verum fateamur : amat Polyhymnia verum) 55  
longe alia perhibent mutatam membra figura  
Scyllaeum monstro saxum infestasse voraci ;  
illam esse, aerumnis quam saepe legamus Ulixii,  
candida succinctam latrantibus inguina monstris,  
Dulichias vexasse rates et gurgite in alto 60  
deprensos nautas canibus lacerasse marinis.  
sed neque Maeoniae patiuntur credere chartae  
nec malus istorum dubiis erroribus auctor.  
nainque alias alii volgo finxere puellas,

<sup>40</sup> alterno *Heinsius*. ut omitted.

<sup>47</sup> redditu vota conjectured by Leo. In *LA<sup>2</sup>* the verse runs :  
et promissa tuis non magna exordia rebus.

<sup>48</sup> amoris Scaliger : miris Heinsius : mollis Ellis : amplis.

<sup>53</sup> pro(h) Sillig, Vollmer. patria Haupt.

<sup>57</sup> So Haupt. monstra saxosum infectata vocavi A : vocari  
HL.

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celestial chariot,<sup>1</sup> into a great poem on Nature, so that unto late ages our page might speak thy name, linked in song with Wisdom's theme.

<sup>42</sup> But seeing that now for the first time our infant efforts are turned to such high arts,<sup>2</sup> since now first we are making strong our youthful sinews, this theme, nevertheless—'tis all we can offer—whereon we have spent life's earliest schooling, and the years of our youth—do thou meanwhile accept, a gift wrought by me with many a toilsome vigil, a vow long promised and now at last fulfilled. 'Tis the story of how, once upon a time, unfilial Scylla, frenzied by love's portents, saw in the sky aloft strange gatherings of birds, and, mounting the heaven on slender pinion, hovered on azure wings above her home, paying this penalty, accursed one, for the crimson lock, and for the utter uprooting of her father's city.

<sup>54</sup> Many great poets tell us, Messalla (for let us confess the truth: 'tis truth Polyhymnia loves) that she, with limbs changed to far different form, haunted the rock of Scylla with her voracious bulk. She it is, they say, of whom we read in the toils of Ulysses, how that, with howling monsters girt about her white waist, she often harried the Ithacan barques and in the swirling depths tore asunder with her sea-dogs the sailors she had clutched.<sup>3</sup> But neither do Homer's pages<sup>4</sup> suffer us to credit this tale nor does he who is the pernicious source<sup>5</sup> of those poets' sundry mistakes. For various writers have commonly feigned various maidens as the

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Aen.* x. 216.

<sup>2</sup> Viz. Epicurean philosophy.

<sup>3</sup> cf. *Elegies*, vi. 74 ff.

<sup>4</sup> i.e. in *Odyssey*, XII.

<sup>5</sup> Who this is, is unknown. So Curcio. Benoist follows Sillig in rendering "the cause of the perilous wanderings of those mariners" (*Ulysses* and his crew), i.e. Neptune.

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quae Colophoniaco Scyllae dicantur Homero.	65
ipse Crataein ait matrem ; sed sive Crataeis,	
sive illam monstro generavit Echidna biformi,	
sive est neutra parens atque hoc in carmine toto	
inguinis est vitium et Veneris descripta libido ;	
sive etiam iactis speciem mutata venenis	70
infelix virgo (quid enim commiserat illa ?	
ipse pater timidam saeva complexus harena	
coniugium castae violaverat Amphitrites)	73
horribilis circum vidit se sistere formas,	80
heu quotiens mirata novos expalluit artus,	81
ipsa suos quotiens heu pertimuit latratus !	82
at tamen exegit longo post tempore poenas,	74
ut cum cura suae veheretur coniugis alto,	75
ipsa trucem multo misceret sanguine pontum ;	
seu vero, ut perhibent, forma cum vinceret omnis	
et cupidos quaestu passim populararet amantes,	
piscibus et canibusque malis vallata repente est	79
ausa quod est mulier numen fraudare deorum	83
et dictam Veneri voto intervertere poenam,	
quam mala multiplici iuvenum consaepta caterva	85
dixerat atque animo meretrix iactata ferarum,	
infamem tali merito rumore fuisse,	
docta Palaepaphiae testatur voce Pachynus.	

<sup>65</sup> dicuntur *A.R.*

<sup>66</sup> ait *Heyne* : ei *Sillig*. *Crataeis*] erithei : *Hecateis* *Ellis*.

<sup>67</sup> generavit *Echidna* *Housman* : genuit gravena.

<sup>70</sup> iactis] exactis *LA<sup>2</sup>*.

<sup>72</sup> saeva] sola *Ruardi* : sicca *Haupt*.

<sup>73-83</sup> transpositions due to *Reitenstein*.

<sup>75</sup> suaे] tuae : sui *Loensis*. *Vollmer* conjectures ut cum curvatae.

<sup>79</sup> et] heu *Schwabe* : en *Leo* : haec *Ellis*. *Leo* arranges thus : 78, 83, 84, 79, 80.

<sup>84</sup> voto intervertere *Sillig* : votorum vertere.

<sup>85</sup> consaepta *Sillig* : quod saepta.

<sup>86</sup> vixit eratque *Haupt*.

<sup>87</sup> merito rumore *Loensis* : meritorum more.

<sup>88</sup> Palaephatis . . . papyrus *Aldine edition* 1517.

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Scyllas named by Colophon's Homer. He himself says<sup>1</sup> that Crataeis was her mother; but whether Crataeis or Echidna bare that twy-formed monster; or whether neither was her mother, and throughout the poem she but portrays the sin of lustfulness and love's incontinence,<sup>2</sup> or whether, transformed through scattered poisons, the luckless maiden (luckless, I say, for of what wrong had she been guilty? Father Neptune himself had embraced the frightened maid on the lonely strand, and broken his conjugal vow to chaste Amphitrite) beheld awful shapes plant themselves about her:—how often, alas! did she marvel and grow pale at her strange limbs! how often, alas! did she turn in terror from her own baying! but still long afterwards she exacted penalty, for when the delight of his consort was riding upon the deep, she herself confounded the savage sea with much blood<sup>3</sup>—or whether, as 'tis said, seeing that she excelled all women in beauty, and in avarice made wanton havoc of her eager lovers, she of a sudden became fenced about with fell fishes and dogs, for that she, a woman, dared to defraud the powers divine, and to withhold from Venus the vow-appointed price, even the payment which a base harlot, encompassed by a thronging crowd of youths, and stirred with a wild and savage spirit, had imposed upon her lovers—that by this report she was with reason defamed, Pachynus has learned and so bears witness, speaking by the lips of Venus, queen of Old Paphos<sup>4</sup> :—what-

<sup>1</sup> *Odyssey*, XII. 125.

<sup>2</sup> The assumption being that the description of Scylla is allegorical.

<sup>3</sup> This probably refers to the transformation of Scylla. The *cura* is Neptune, husband of Amphitrite.

<sup>4</sup> There seems to have been an inscription about Scylla in the temple of Venus at Pachynus.

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quidquid et ut quisque est tali de clade locutus,  
90 somnia sunt : potius liceat notescere Cirin  
atque unam ex multis Scyllam non esse puellis.

Quare quae cantus meditanti mittere caecos  
magna mihi cupido tribuistis praemia, divae  
Pierides, quarum castos altaria postis  
munere saepe meo inficiunt, foribusque hyacinthi 95  
deponunt flores aut suave rubens narcissus  
aut crocus alterna coniungens lilia caltha  
sparsaque liminibus floret rosa, nunc age, divae,  
praecipue nostro nunc aspirete labori  
atque novum aeterno praetexite honore volumen. 100

Sunt Pandioniis vicinae sedibus urbes  
Actaeos inter colles et candida Thesei  
purpureis late ridentia litora conchis,  
quarum non ulli fama concedere digna  
stat Megara, Alcathoi quondam munita labore, 105  
Alcathoi Phoebique : deus namque adfuit illi ;  
unde etiam citharae voces imitatus acutas  
saepe lapis recrepat Cyllenia murmura pulsus  
et veterem sonitu Phoebi testatur amorem.  
hanc urbem, ante alios qui tum florebat in armis, 110  
fecerat infestam populator remige Minos,  
hospitio quod se Nisi Polyidos avito

<sup>90</sup> somnia sunt *Heinsius* : omnia sunt iam Nisi *Leo*.

<sup>92</sup> caecos] certos *L.*

<sup>94</sup> aluaria "hives" *Unger* : alabastria *Bergk* : calparia  
*Haupt* : aliparia *Winton*. <sup>95</sup> floribusque *A.R.*

<sup>105</sup> Alcathoi *Ribbeck* : Aethei : Argei *Heinsius*. munita  
*Aldine* 1517 : mutata.

<sup>106</sup> decus.

<sup>107</sup> imitantur *HLA*.

<sup>108</sup> munera *HA*.

<sup>109</sup> honorem *HL*.

<sup>110</sup> tunc *A.R.*

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soever and howsoever each has spoken of such disastrous state, 'tis all dreams: rather let the Ciris become known, and not a Scylla who was but one of many maidens.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>92</sup> Therefore, ye divine Muses, who, when I essayed to put forth my abstruse songs, granted me the high rewards I craved—ye, whose pure columns not seldom are stained by the altar-offerings that I bring; at whose temple-doors the hyacinths yield their bloom, or the sweet blushing narcissus, or the crocus and lilies, blended with alternate marigolds, and on whose threshold are scattered blooming roses—now come, ye goddesses, now breathe a special grace upon this toil, and crown this fresh scroll with glory immortal!

<sup>101</sup> Near to the home of Pandion<sup>2</sup> lie cities between the Attic hills and Theseus' gleaming shores, smiling from afar with their roseate shells;<sup>3</sup> and, worthy to yield to none of these in repute, stands Megara, whose walls were reared by the toil of Alcathous—by the toil of Alcathous and Phoebus, for him the god aided; whence too the stones, imitating the lyre's shrill notes, often, when smitten, re-echo Cyllene's murmurs,<sup>4</sup> and in their sound attest the ancient love of Phoebus. This city the prince who in those days was eminent above others in arms, even Minos, had ravaged and laid waste with his fleet, because Polyidos,<sup>5</sup> fleeing from the Carpathian

<sup>1</sup> The subject, then, is to be that Scylla who was transformed into the sea-fowl, called Ciris. <sup>2</sup> Athens.

<sup>3</sup> This is the Megarid, which abounds in white marble, interspersed with shells. Here Theseus founded the Isthmian games.

<sup>4</sup> i.e. the music of the lyre. Mercury, its inventor, was born on Cyllene; cf. *Aen.* viii. 139.

<sup>5</sup> The priest who was said to have once restored Glaucus, son of Minos, to life.

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Carpathium fugiens et flumina Caeratea  
texerat. hunc bello repetens Gortynius heros  
Attica Cretaea sternebat rura sagitta.

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sed neque tum cives neque tum rex ipse veretur  
infesto ad muros volitantis agmine turmas  
icere et indomitas virtute retundere mentes,  
responsum quoniam satis est meminisse deorum.  
nam capite a summo regis (mirabile dictu)      120  
candida caesaries (florebant tempora lauro),  
et roseus medio surgebat vertice crinis :  
cuius quam servata diu natura fuissest,  
tam patriam incolumem Nisi regnumque futurum  
concordes stabili firmarant numine Parcae.      125  
ergo omnis cano residebat cura capillo,  
aurea sollemni comptum quem fibula ritu  
crobylus et tereti nectebant dente cicadae.

Nec vero haec urbis custodia vana fuissest  
(nec fuerat), ni Scylla novo correpta furore,      130  
Scylla, patris miseri patriaeque inventa sepulchrum,  
o nimium cupidis Minon inhiasset ocellis.  
sed malus ille puer, quem nec sua flectere mater  
iratum potuit, quem nec pater atque avus idem  
Iuppiter (ille etiam Poenos domitare leones      135  
et validas docuit viris mansuescere tigris,

<sup>116</sup> tum—tum *Haupt*: tunc—tunc.

<sup>118</sup> icere *Ellis*: dicere *HA<sup>1</sup>R*: ducere *A<sup>2</sup>L*: deicere *Vollmer*: reicere *Heinsius*.      <sup>126</sup> cano : caro *Aldine* 1517.

<sup>128</sup> crobylus et *Loensis*: corpsel(la)e or corselle : *Cecropiae* et *Scaliger*: morsilis et *Ellis*.

<sup>129</sup> urbis *Heinsius*: vobis.      <sup>130</sup> ruerat *Ribbeck*.

<sup>132</sup> Minon *Bücheler*: Minoa *Lachmann*: si non.

<sup>136</sup> rabidas *Heyne*.

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sea and the streams of Caeratus, had taken shelter in the ancestral home of Nisus. Seeking to win him back in war, the Gortynian hero<sup>1</sup> was strewing the Attic land with Cretan arrows. But neither in that hour do the citizens, nor in that hour does the king himself, fear to strike down the troops that flock in hostile band to the walls, or valorously to blunt the spirit of the unconquered foe, since it is enough to remember the answer of the gods. For surmounting the king's head (wondrous to tell) uprose white hair (the temples were decked with laurel), and midway on its crown was a roseate lock. As long as this preserved its nature, so long had the Fates, voicing in unison their fixed will,<sup>2</sup> given assurance that Nisus' country and kingdom would be secure. Thus all their care was centred in that hoary hair, which, adorned in wonted fashion, a golden buckle and close roll bound with a cicada's shapely clasp.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>129</sup> Nor truly would this defence of the city have been vain (nor had it been) were it not that Scylla, swept away by fresh madness—Scylla, who proved to be the ruin of her hapless father and her fatherland—gaped<sup>4</sup> and gazed upon Minos, ah ! with too passionate eyes. But that mischievous boy, whom, when angered, neither his mother could sway, nor he, who was at once father and father's father, even Jupiter<sup>5</sup> (he even quelled Punic lions, and taught the stout strength of tigers to soften ; he even taught gods

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Eclogues*, vi. 60.    <sup>2</sup> cf. *Eclogues*, iv. 47.

<sup>3</sup> Thucydides (i. 6) tells us that the old Athenians used to wear the hair on the top of the head in a knot, and secured with a pin shaped like a cicada.

<sup>4</sup> cf. *Lucr.* i. 36, and Munro *ad locum*.

<sup>5</sup> Venus, daughter of Jupiter, was by Jupiter mother of Cupid.

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ille etiam divos, homines—sed dicere magnum est),  
 idem tum tristis acuebat parvulus iras  
 Iunonis magnae, cuius (periuria divae  
 olim, sed meminere diu) periura puella                  140  
 non ulli licitam violaverat inscia sedem,  
 dum sacris operata deae lascivit et extra  
 procedit longe matrum comitumque catervam,  
 suspensam gaudens in corpore ludere vestem  
 et tumidos agitante sinus Aquilone relaxans.                  145  
 necedum etiam castos gustaverat ignis honores,  
 necedum sollemni lympha perfusa sacerdos  
 pallentis foliis caput exornarat olivae,  
 cum lapsa e manibus fugit pila, cumque relapsa est,  
 procurrerit virgo. quod uti ne prodita ludo                  150  
 auratam gracili solvisses corpore pallam !  
 omnia quae retinere gradum cursusque morari  
 possent, o tecum vellem tu semper haberet !  
 non umquam violata manu sacraria divae  
 iurando, infelix, nequ quam iure piasses.                  155  
 etsi quis nocuisse tibi periuria credat ?  
 causa pia est : timuit fratri te ostendere Iuno.  
 at levius ille deus, cui semper ad ulciscendum  
 quaeritur ex omni verborum iniuria dictu,  
 aurea fulgenti depromens tela pharetra                  160

<sup>139</sup> Most editors make the parenthesis begin with *cuius*. As here, Ellis.

<sup>140</sup> So Ellis. olim di Ribbeck : olim se (si).

<sup>141</sup> nonnulli. licitam Unger : lictam L : liceat HAR.

<sup>143</sup> caterva.

<sup>149</sup> cumque] quoque Unger. relapsa est Heinsius : relaps(a)e or relaxe MSS.

<sup>151</sup> auratam Jacobs : aurea iam (sc. pila) : aureolam Housman. solvisses Barth : solvisset.

<sup>154</sup> non numquam A. manus HAR.

<sup>155</sup> iure Barth : iura.

<sup>158</sup> ad ulciscendum Aldine edition 1517 : adolescendum (-ntum).                  <sup>159</sup> dictu H : dicto LAR.

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and men—but too large is the theme!), that same tiny boy at this time whetted the stern wrath of mighty Juno, whose home, forbidden to all, the perjured maid (perjuries goddesses remember from of old, yet remember long!) had unwittingly profaned;<sup>1</sup> for, as she was engaging in the goddess' rites, she indulged in a frolic, and went far beyond the band of matrons and her companions, rejoicing in the ungirdled robe that plays about her body, and throwing loose its swelling folds, as the North wind tosses it about. Not yet had the fire tasted the holy offerings; not yet had the priestess bathed in the wonted water and adorned her head with pale olive-leaves, when the ball slipped away from her hands, and as it rebounds the maiden runs forward. Would that thou hadst not been beguiled by play, and hadst not loosened the golden robe on thy slender body! O would that thou hadst ever with thee all thy apparel, which might have kept back thy steps and stayed thy course! Never would thy hand have profaned the sanctuary of the goddess, nor wouldst thou, unhappy one, with an oath have made vain expiation!<sup>2</sup> And yet who would suppose that perjury had been thy bane? There is a righteous plea: Juno feared to show thee to her brother.<sup>3</sup> But that fickle god (by whom whatever falsehood lurks in any spoken word is ever sought for punishment), drawing golden shafts from his gleaming

<sup>1</sup> The story of the perjury is obscure. As to the parenthesis, “the inveteracy of the habit might be supposed to prevent its long continuance in any particular case” (ELLIS).

<sup>2</sup> Scylla must have sworn that she had not perjured herself.

<sup>3</sup> Juno's wrath, which could easily be aroused because of the amorous Jupiter, was feared by Scylla, who therefore swore falsely that she had not exposed her limbs in the temple of the goddess.

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(heu nimium terret, nimium Tirynthia visu),  
virginis in tenera defixerat omnia mente.

Quae simul ac venis hausit sitientibus ignem  
et validum penitus concepit in ossa furorem,  
saeva velut gelidis Edonum Bistonis oris  
ictave barbarico Cybeles antistita buxo,  
infelix virgo tota bacchatur in urbe,  
non storace Idaeo fragrantis picta capillos,  
coccina non teneris pedibus Sicyonia servans,  
non niveo retinens bacata monilia collo.

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multum illi incerto trepidant vestigia cursu :  
saepe r̄edit patrios ascendere perdita muros,  
aeriasque facit causam se visere turris ;  
saepe etiam tristis volvens in nocte querellas  
sedibus ex altis tecti speculatur amorem  
castraque prospectat crebris lucentia flammis.  
nulla colum novit, carum non respicit aurum,  
non arguta sonant tenui psalteria chorda,  
non Libyco molles plauduntur pectine telae.

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nullus in ore rubor : ubi enim rubor, obstat amori. 180  
atque ubi nulla malis reperit solacia tantis  
tabidulamque videt labi per viscera mortem,  
quo vocat ire dolor, subigunt quo tendere fata,  
fertur et horribili praeceps impellitur oestro,  
ut patris, a demens, crinem de vertice sectum  
furtim atque argute detonsum mitteret hosti,  
namque haec condicio miserae proponitur una,

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<sup>161</sup> So Vollmer. The verse is probably corrupt.

<sup>165</sup> gelidis Constantius of Funo : gelidi Z.

<sup>168</sup> flagrantis. tintcta Schrader : uncta Heinsius.

<sup>169</sup> coccina Baehrens : cognita. Sicyonia Constantius of Funo : sic omnia Z.

<sup>175</sup> tecti Heyne : c(a)eli : ex aulae celsis Haupt.

<sup>185</sup> a(h) denum A<sup>1</sup> : ademptum L. sectum H<sup>2</sup> : serum H<sup>1</sup>A<sup>1</sup>R (retained by Vollmer) : caesum Ellis.

<sup>186</sup> argute Vollmer : arguto. desponsum Némethy.

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quiver (ah! too much terror does the Tirynthian<sup>1</sup> awake at sight of them!), had lodged them all in the maiden's gentle heart.

<sup>163</sup> Soon as she drank the fire into her thirsty veins, and caught deep within her marrow the potent frenzy, even as a fierce Thracian woman in the chill lands of the Edonians, or as a priestess of Cybele, inspired by barbaric box-wood flute, the luckless maid raves through the city. No balsam of Ida adorns her fragrant locks, no scarlet shoes of Sicyon protect her tender feet, no collar of pearls keeps she upon her snowy neck. Ever do her feet hurry to and fro in uncertain course; oft she returns, forlorn one, to climb her father's walls, and makes the plea that she is visiting the lofty towers; oft too at night, when pondering bitter complaints, from her high palace-home she watches for her love, and gazes forth to the camp, ablaze with frequent fires. Naught she knows of the distaff, she cares not for precious gold, the tuneful harp rings not with its slender strings, the loom's soft threads are smitten not with the Libyan comb.<sup>2</sup> No blush is on her cheeks; for in a blush love finds a bar. And when for ills so great she finds no comfort, and sees slow-wasting death steal o'er her frame, she fares whither anguish summons her, whither the fates compel her to hasten, and by awful frenzy is she driven headlong, so that, severing it with stealth and cunning from her father's head, she—mad girl—might send the shorn lock to the foe. For to the unhappy girl are offered these terms

<sup>1</sup> i.e. Juno, called Tirynthian from Tiryns in Argolis; cf. *Aen.* III. 547.

<sup>2</sup> Probably of ivory for elephants were numerous in Libya.

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sive illa ignorans (quis non bonus omnia malit  
credere, quam tanti sceleris damnare puellam?),  
heu tamen infelix : quid enim imprudentia prodest?

Nise pater, cui direpta crudeliter urbe 191  
vix erit una super sedes in turribus altis,  
fessus ubi exstructo possis considere nido,  
tu quoque avis metuere : dabit tibi filia poenas.  
gaudete, o celeres, subnixae nubibus altis, 195  
quae mare, quae viridis silvas lucosque sonantis  
incolitis, gaudete, vagae blandaeque volucres,  
vosque adeo, humanos mutatae corporis artus,  
vos o crudeli fatorum lege, puellae  
Dauliades, gaudete : venit carissima vobis, 200  
cognatos augens reges numerumque suorum,  
Ciris et ipse pater. vos, o pulcherrima quondam  
corpora, caeruleas praevertite in aethera nubes,  
qua novus ad superum sedes haliaeetos et qua  
candida concessos ascendet Ciris honores. 205  
Iamque adeo dulci devinctus lumina somno  
Nisus erat, vigilumque procul custodia primis  
excubias foribus studio iactabat inani,  
cum furtim tacito descendens Scylla cubili  
auribus arrectis nocturna silentia temptat 210

<sup>187</sup> There is probably a lacuna after this verse. So Vollmer.

<sup>188</sup> tanti sceleris edition of 1501 : tanto scelere.

<sup>189</sup> prudentia *A.R.*

<sup>190</sup> metuere *G. Hermann* : moriere.

<sup>191</sup> blandaeque] laudate *HA<sup>1</sup>R* : vagi laris ante *Ellis*.

<sup>192</sup> humani.

<sup>193</sup> crudeli *Aldine edition* 1517 : crudeles.

<sup>194</sup> sororum *Barth.*

<sup>206</sup> devictus *LAR.*

<sup>195</sup> servabat *Nemethy.*

<sup>210</sup> erectis (us) or arreptis.

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alone<sup>1</sup>—or perchance in ignorance she did the deed (what good man would not believe anything rather than convict the maid of such a crime?), yet alas! unblest was she: for what doth folly avail?

<sup>191</sup> O Nisus, father, who, when thy city has been cruelly despoiled, shalt have scarcely one home left in lofty turrets, where in weariness thou canst settle in thy high-built nest, thou too as a bird shalt be feared; thy daughter shall pay thee thy due.<sup>2</sup> Rejoice, ye swift creatures, that rest upon the lofty clouds, ye that dwell upon the sea, that dwell in green woods and echoing groves, rejoice, ye sweet birds that widely roam; yea, and ye too whose human limbs are changed by cruel law of the fates, ye Daulian maids,<sup>3</sup> rejoice; there comes one beloved by you, swelling the ranks of her royal kindred,<sup>4</sup> even Ciris and her father himself. Do ye, O forms once most fair, outstrip the clouds of heaven, and fly to the skies, where the new sea-eagle will climb to the homes of the gods, and the fair Ciris to the honours granted her.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>206</sup> And now, even now, the eyes of Nisus were fast bound in sweet sleep, and at the entrance doors hard by, with vain zeal the sentries on guard were keeping watch, when Scylla, stealthily descending from her silent couch, with straining ears essays the silence

<sup>1</sup> Minos would not return Scylla's love unless she betrayed her father in the manner described.

<sup>2</sup> Scylla, transformed into a sea-hawk, will be pursued by Nisus, transformed into a sea-eagle; cf. *Georgics*, I. 405.

<sup>3</sup> Philomela and Procne, who had also been changed into birds. Procne had married Tereus, king of Daulis.

<sup>4</sup> Philomela and Procne were daughters of the elder Pandion, king of Athens, while Nisus was son of the younger Pandion.

<sup>5</sup> Scylla's transformation is not regarded as a punishment.

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<p>et pressis tenuem singultibus aera captat.          tum suspensa levans digitis vestigia primis          egreditur ferroque manus armata bidenti          evolat ; at demptae subita in formidine vires          caeruleas sua furtâ prius testantur ad umbras.          nam qua se ad patrium tendebat semita limen,          vestibulo in thalami paulum remoratur et alte          suspicit ad celsi nictantia sidera mundi,          non accepta piis promittens munera divis.</p>	215
<p>Quam simul Ogygii Phoenicis filia Carme          surgere sensit anus (sonitum nam fecerat illi          marmoreo aeratus stridens in limine cardo),          corripit extemplo fessam languore puellam          et simul "o nobis sacrum caput," inquit, "alumna,          non tibi neququam viridis per viscera pallor          aegrotas tenui suffundit sanguine venas,          nec levis hoc faceres (neque enim pote) cura subegit,          aut fallor : quod ut o potius, Rhamnusia, fallar !          nam qua te causa nec dulcis pocula Bacchi          nec gravidos Cereris dicam contingere fetus ?          qua causa ad patrium solam vigilare cubile,          tempore quo fessas mortalia pectora curas,          quo rapidos etiam requiescent flumina cursus ?          dic age nunc miserae saltem, quod saepe petenti          iurabas nihil esse mihi, cur maesta parentis</p>	220 225 230 235

<sup>211</sup> devolat *Leo*. A full stop is commonly placed at the end of the verse.

<sup>215</sup> testatur *LAR*.

<sup>216</sup> lumen *H<sup>1</sup>L<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>217</sup> remoratus. alte *Herzberg* : alti.

<sup>218</sup> celsi *Scaliger* : c(a)eli : adclinis *Leo*. nictantia *Scaliger* : mutantia *H<sup>1</sup>R* : nutantia *H<sup>2</sup>A L*.

<sup>225</sup> neququam *Ribbeck* : ne(nec)quicquam.

<sup>226</sup> egroto *H*. suffudit *L*.

<sup>227</sup> faceret *ARU*.

<sup>228</sup> aut] haud *A<sup>2</sup>L*. quod ut o] *Schrader* : quod te *A<sup>2</sup>L* : quod ita *H<sup>2</sup>*. fallar *Juntine edition* : fallor *Z*.

<sup>235</sup> cur] cum *LAR* : tum *H<sup>1</sup>*.

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of night, and checking her sobs, catches at the fine air. Then, poising her feet on tip-toe, she passes without and fares forth, her hand armed with two-edged shears; but failure of strength in her sudden terror first bears witness of her misdeeds to the shades of heaven. For where the path led to her father's threshold, she lingers a moment at the chamber-entrance, and glances up at high heaven's flickering stars, promising gifts that win no acceptance with the righteous gods.

<sup>220</sup> Soon as aged Carme,<sup>1</sup> daughter of Ogygian Phoenix, took note of her rising (for she had heard the creaking of the bronze hinge<sup>2</sup> on the marble threshold), straightway she seizes the faint and weary maid, and therewith cries: "O precious foster-child, whom we revere, 'tis not without reason that throughout thy frame a sallow paleness pours its thin blood through thy feverish veins, nor has light trouble forced thee—nay, it could not—to this deed, or else I am deceived: and O Rhamnusian maid,<sup>3</sup> rather may I be deceived! For why else shall I say thou touchest neither the cups of sweet Bacchus nor the teeming fruits of Ceres? Why watchest thou alone by thy father's bed in that hour, when the hearts of men rest from weary cares, when even rivers stay their swift course? Come, tell now at least thy poor nurse that which, oft as I have besought thee, thou hast sworn means naught—

<sup>1</sup> Carme, daughter of Phoenix, was loved by Jupiter. Their daughter, Britomartis, being wooed by Minos, fled into the sea. Rescued by Diana, she was worshipped in Crete under the name Dictyna.

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Aen.* i. 449. The term *cardo* applies to the pivot and socket upon which the door swings.

<sup>3</sup> Nemesis, who was worshipped especially at Rhamnus, in Attica.

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formosos circum virgo remorere capillos ?  
 ei mihi, ne furor ille tuos invaserit artus,  
 ille Arabae Myrrhae quondam qui cepit ocellos,  
 ut scelere infando (quod nec sinat Adrastea)  
 laedere utrumque uno studeas errore parentem ! 240  
 quod si alio quovis animi iactaris amore  
 (nam te iactari, non est Amathusia nostri  
 tam rudis, ut nullo possim cognoscere signo),  
 si concessus amor noto te macerat igne,  
 per tibi Dictynae praesentia numina iuro, 245  
 prima deum mihi quae dulcem te donat alumnam,  
 omnia me potius digna atque indigna laborum  
 milia visuram, quam te tam tristibus istis  
 sordibus et senio patiar tabescere tali."

Haec loquitur, mollique ut se velavit amictu, 250  
 frigidulam innecta circumdat veste pueram,  
 quae prius in tenui steterat succincta crocota.  
 dulcia deinde genis rorantibus oscula figens  
 persequitur miserae causas exquirere tabis,  
 nec tamen ante ulla patitur sibi reddere voces, 255  
 marmoreum tremebunda pedem quam rettulit intra.  
 illa autem "quid sic me," inquit, "nutricula, torques?  
 quid tantum properas nostros novisse furores?  
 non ego consueto mortalibus uror amore  
 nec mihi notorum deflectunt lumina voltus 260

<sup>236</sup> remorere *Paris edition* 1501 : morerere *H<sup>2</sup>LAR* (*adopted by Ellis, who takes it of rapturous longing*) : morere *H<sup>1</sup>*.

<sup>239</sup> sinit. <sup>241</sup> animi *Haupt* : animis *HA<sup>1</sup>R* : animo *A<sup>2</sup>L*.

<sup>242</sup> nam] nec *AR*.

<sup>246</sup> prima deum quae dulce mihi te donat.

<sup>247</sup> laborum] laturam *A<sup>2</sup>L*.

<sup>249</sup> senio *Ribbeck* : scoria *A<sup>2</sup>L* : morbo *R* : scora (=scoria) *Ellis* : sanie *Sudhaus*.

<sup>250</sup> velarat *Heyne*. <sup>252</sup> crocota *Scaliger* : corona.

<sup>254</sup> persequitur *edition* 1507 : prosequitur *LAR* : perse-  
 quirimur *H*. <sup>256</sup> intro *Ribbeck*.

<sup>257</sup> sic *Leo*. quid enim me *Ellis* : quid (nunc) me.

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why, unhappy maid, thou lingerest near thy father's beauteous locks ? Ah me ! may it not be that that madness has assailed thy limbs, which once took captive the eyes of Arabian Myrrha,<sup>1</sup> so that in monstrous sin (which Adrastea forbid !) thou shouldst be fain by one folly to wrong both parents ! But if by some other passionate love thou art swayed (for that thou art, not so strange to me is the Amathusian,<sup>2</sup> that I cannot learn this by some sign), if a lawful flame wastes thee with familiar flame, I swear to thee by the divine presence of Dictyna,<sup>3</sup> who, first of the gods in my eyes, granted me a sweet foster-child in thee, that sooner shall I face all toils, thousands meet and unmeet, than suffer thee to pine away in such sad wretchedness and in such affliction."

250 Thus she cries, and, clad as she was in soft raiment, she casts her garb about the shivering maid, who before had stood, high-girt, in light saffron robe. Then, imprinting sweet kisses on her tear-bedewed cheeks, she earnestly seeks the causes of her wasting misery, yet suffers her not to make aught of reply, until, all trembling, she has withdrawn her marble-cold<sup>4</sup> feet within. Then cries the maid : " Why, dear nurse, dost thou thus torture me ? Why so eager to know my madness ? 'Tis no love common to mortals that inflames me ; 'tis not the faces of friends that draw toward them my

<sup>1</sup> The story of Myrrha or Smyrna, who was guilty of incest with her father Cinyras and was afterwards transformed into the Arabian myrrh-tree, is told in Ovid, *Metam.* x. 298 ff.   <sup>2</sup> Venus.   <sup>3</sup> See note on 220, above.

<sup>4</sup> cf. *Georgics*, IV 523.

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nec genitor cordi est: ultro namque odius omnis.  
 nil amat hic animus, nutrix, quod oportet amari,  
 in quo falsa tamen lateat pietatis imago,  
 sed media ex acie mediisque ex hostibus. heu heu,  
 quid dicam quove aegra malum hoc exordiar ore? 265  
 dicam equidem, quoniam tu me non dicere, nutrix,  
 non sinis: extremum hoc munus morientis habeto.  
 ille, vides, nostris qui moenibus adsidet hostis,  
 quem pater ipse deum sceptri donavit honore,  
 cui Parcae tribuere nec ullo volnere laedi 270  
 (dicendum est, frustra circumvehor omnia verbis),  
 ille mea, ille idem oppugnat praecordia Minos.  
 quod per te divum crebros testamur amores ~~X~~  
 perque tuum memori sanctum mihi pectus alumnae,  
 ut me, si servare potes, nec perdere malis; 275  
 sin autem optatae spes est incisa salutis,  
 ne mihi, quam merui, invideas, nutricula, mortem.  
 nam nisi te nobis malus, o malus, optima Carme,  
 ante in conspectum, casusve deusve tulisset,  
 aut ferro hoc" (aperit ferrum quod veste latebat) 280  
 "purpureum patris dempsissem vertice crinem,  
 aut mihi praesenti peperisse volnere letum."

Vix haec ediderat, cum clade exterrita tristi  
 intonsos multo deturpat pulvere crinis  
 et graviter questu Carme complorat anili: 285  
 "o mihi nunc iterum crudelis reddite Minos,  
 o iterum nostrae Minos inimice senectae,

<sup>265</sup> aegra Baehrens: ausa Sillig: agam HAR: ipsa L.

<sup>266</sup> tu me non Baehrens: tu nunc non H<sup>2</sup>: quid non tibi L.

<sup>273</sup> te per HL. obtestor HA<sup>2</sup>L: testatur A<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>274</sup> memoris. sanctum Sillig: auctum: haustum A<sup>2</sup>L.

<sup>275</sup> servare potes Ascensius: versa repetes: versare potes A<sup>2</sup>L. nec] ne Aldine edition 1517.

<sup>277</sup> ne Aldine 1517: nec.

<sup>278</sup> in Drakenborch: hunc LAR: hinc H. Linforth reads ante hoc confectum. <sup>284</sup> incomptos Heinsius.

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eyes, 'tis not my father who is thus loved : nay more, I hate them all ! This soul of mine, O nurse, loves naught that should be loved, naught wherein there lurks, albeit vain, some ghost of natural regard, but loves from midst the ranks of war, from midst our foes. Alas ! Alas ! What can I say ? With what speech can I, sad one, launch forth upon this woe ? Yet surely I will speak, since thou, O nurse, dost not permit me to be silent : this take thou as my last dying gift. Yonder foe, who, thou seest, is seated before our walls, to whom the Sire himself of the gods has given the glory of sceptre, and to whom the Fates have granted that he suffer from no wound (I must speak ; vainly with my words do I travel round the whole story), 'tis he, 'tis he, that same Minos, that doth besiege my heart. O, I entreat thee by the many loves of the gods, and by thy heart, revered by me, thy mindful foster-child, do thou rather save me, if thou canst, and not destroy me. But if hope of the salvation I crave be cut off, grudge me not, dear nurse, the death I have deserved. For, good Carme, had not a perverse, yea, a perverse chance or god, brought thee first before my eyes, then either with this steel" (she reveals the steel, hidden in her robe)<sup>1</sup> "I should have taken from my father's head his crimson lock, or with single stroke before his eyes have won me death."

<sup>283</sup> Scarce had she uttered these words, when, affrighted by the fell disaster, Carme defiles her unshorn locks with a shower of dust, and in aged accents makes grievous lamentation : "O Minos, who now a second time<sup>2</sup> hast visited upon me thy cruelty ! O Minos, in my old age a second time mine enemy ! how

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Aen.* vi. 406.

<sup>2</sup> See note on 220, above.

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semper ut aut olim natae te propter eundem  
 aut Amor insanae luctum portavit alumnae !  
 tene ego tam longe capta atque avecta nequivi; 290  
 tam grave servitium, tam duros passa labores,  
 effugere, o bis iam exitium crudele meorum ?  
 iam iam nec nobis <sup>aequo</sup><sup>288</sup> senioribus ullum  
 vivere uti cupiam vivit genus. ut quid ego amens  
 te erepta, o Britomarti, mei spes una sepulchri, 295  
 te, Britomarti, diem potui producere vitae ?  
 atque utinam celeri nec tantum grata Diana  
 venatus esses virgo sectata virorum,  
 Gnosia nec Partho contendens spicula cornu  
 Dictaeas ageres ad gramina nota capellas ! 300  
 numquam tam<sup>292</sup> obnixe fugiens Minois amores  
 praeceps aerii specula de montis abisses,  
 unde alii fugisse ferunt et numen Aphaeae  
 virginis adsignant ; alii, quo notior esses,  
 Dictynam dixere tuo de nomine lunam. 305  
 sint haec vera velim ; mihi certe, nata, peristi.  
 numquam ego te summo volitantem in vertice montis  
 Hyrcanos inter comites agmenque ferarum  
 conspiciam, nec te redeuntem amplexa tenebo.

<sup>288</sup> ut inserted by Schrader.

<sup>292</sup> o bis iam Housman : obistam.

<sup>293</sup> aequo Haupt : ea que (quae) : aevi Heinsius : heu quae Vollmer.

<sup>294</sup> vivere uti cupiam Sillig : vivendi copiam HAR : vivendi causa est Vollmer. <sup>295</sup> sepulchri] salutis A<sup>1</sup>R.

<sup>299</sup> nec Partho Haupt : neu Partho Aldine edition 1517 : na(e)upharto. <sup>300</sup> puellas A<sup>1</sup>R.

<sup>302</sup> montis abisses Scaliger : montibus isses.

<sup>303</sup> One verse or more may have dropped out after 302. So Skutsch and Vollmer. <sup>306</sup> sunt R.

<sup>307</sup> montis wanting in HA<sup>1</sup>R.

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truly through thee, and thee alone, has Love ever brought grief, either to my child in other days, or now to my distraught fosterling! Have I, who was taken captive and carried off to this distant land,<sup>1</sup> who have suffered such grievous servitude and harsh travails, have I failed to escape thee, O thou who art already for the second time the cruel destruction of my loved ones? Now, now, even for me, who am older than is meet, there lives no child, so that I may long to live. Why have I, frenzied one, when thou, Britomartis, thou, Britomartis, the sole hope of my tomb, wert torn from me—why have I been able to prolong my day of life? And would that thou, maiden so dear to fleet Diana, hadst neither pursued, a maiden, the hunt that belongs to men, nor, aiming Gnosian shafts from Parthian bow, hadst driven the Dictaean goats to their familiar meadows! Never with such resolve to flee from Minos' passion<sup>2</sup> wouldest thou have sped headlong from the towering mountain-crag,<sup>2</sup> whence some relate that thou didst flee, and assign thee the godhead of the virgin Aphaea; but others, that so thy fame might be greater,<sup>3</sup> have called the moon Dictyna after thy name. May this, I pray, be true; for me at least, my child, thou art no more. Never shall I see thee flitting on the mountain's highest peak amid the Hyrcanian hounds, thy comrades, and the wild beast throng, nor on thy return shall I hold thee in my embrace.

<sup>1</sup> i.e. from Crete to Megara.

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Eclogues*, VIII. 59.

<sup>3</sup> The poet implies that the name Dictyna, by which Diana, the Moon-goddess, was also known (cf. Tibullus, I. iv. 25; Ovid, *Metamorphoses*, II. 441, etc.), had been given to Britomartis herself. Pausanias (II. xxx. 3) tells us that Britomartis was known as Dictyna in Crete, and as Aphaea in Aegina.

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luctus

“ Verum haec tum nobis’ gravia atque indigna fuere  
 tum, mea alumna, tui cum spes integra maneret, 311  
 et vox ista meas nondum violaverat auris.  
 tene etiam Fortuna mihi crudelis ademit,  
 tene, o sola meae vivendi causa senectae ?  
 saepe tuo dulci neququam capta sopore, 315  
 cum premeret natura, mori me velle negavi,  
 ut tibi Corycio glomerarem flammea luto.  
 quo nunc me, infelix, aut quae me fata reservant ?  
 an nescis, qua lege patris de vertice summo  
 edita candardis praetexat purpura canos, 320  
 quae tenuis patrio praes sit suspensa capillo ?  
 si nescis, aliquam possum sperare salutem,  
 inscia quandoquidem scelus es conata nefandum :  
 sin est, quod metuo, per te, mea alumna, tuumque  
 expertum multis miserae mihi rebus amorem, 325  
 perdere saeva precor per numina Hlithyiae,  
 ne tantum facinus tam nulla mente sequaris.  
 non ego te incepto (fieri quod non potest) conor  
 flectere, Amor, neque est cum dis contendere nostrum !  
 sed patris incolumi potius denubere regno 330  
 atque aliquos tamen esse velis tibi, alumna, Penates.  
 hoc unum exitio docta atque experta monebo.  
 quod si non alia poteris ratione parentem  
 flectere (sed poteris; quid enim non unica possis?),  
 tum potius tandem ista, pio cum iure licebit, 335

<sup>310</sup> tunc *AR* : cum *L*.      <sup>311</sup> tum] tu.      <sup>312</sup> et] nec *HA<sup>1</sup>R*.

<sup>314</sup> o omitted *HAR*.

<sup>318</sup> numina servant *L*.

<sup>321</sup> praes sit *Ellis*: pressit (present): spes sit *edition of 1507* (*with tenui*).

<sup>324</sup> per te mea *Gronovius*: per me tu (*tua, or mea*).

<sup>326</sup> per te sacra *Scaliger*: parcere saeva *Vollmer*. numina *Heyne*: flumina.

<sup>327</sup> nec *AR* (*Vollmer*). tantum *Baehrens*: tantum in.

<sup>329</sup> amore *edition of 1534*.      <sup>332</sup> exilio *Baehrens*.

<sup>336</sup> tum *Haupt*: tunc (*tu*). tandem ista *Baehrens*: tamen ipsa *LAR*.

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310 "But all this burden and this shame was mine,  
when hope of thee, my foster-child, still remained  
unshattered, and that tale of thine had not yet  
profaned my ears. Has cruel fortune taken thee  
also from me, thee, who alone art for my old age a  
cause of living? Ofttimes, vainly charmed by thy  
sweet slumber, though nature weighed heavy upon  
me, I was loth, I said, to die, for I would fain weave  
for thee a marriage-veil of Corycian yellow. To  
what end, unhappy one, or by what fate am I now  
held back? Or knowest thou not by what law the  
crimson, arising from the crown of thy father's head,  
fringes his shining hoary hair, the crimson that hangs  
as a slender surety<sup>1</sup> from thy father's lock? If thou  
knowest not, I may hope for some salvation, since  
all unknowing thou hast essayed a crime unspeak-  
able. But if it is as I fear, then by thyself, my  
child, and by thy love, of which I, unhappy one!  
have had many a proof, and by the power of  
Ilithyia<sup>2</sup> so cruel to destroy, do not, I pray, with  
intent so foolish, pursue this great wickedness. I do  
not essay, O Love, to turn thee from thy purpose  
—that can not be—nor is it for me to contend with  
gods<sup>3</sup>; but may it be thy wish, my child, to wed  
when thy father's kingdom is safe, and at least to  
have for thyself some home! This one counsel I  
will give, I who am taught and schooled by disaster.  
But if in no other way thou canst sway thy sire (but  
this thou canst: for what couldst thou, an only child,  
not do?) then rather I pray (pious right shalt thou

<sup>1</sup> i.e. of the state, whose safety depended on the lock.

<sup>2</sup> According to *Odyssey*, xix. 188, this goddess had a cave  
near Amnisus, in Crete.

<sup>3</sup> This is an apostrophe, addressed to Love, the deity.

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cum facti causam tempusque doloris habebis,  
 tum potius conata tua atque incepta referto ;  
 meque deosque tibi comites, mea alumna, futuros  
 polliceor : nihil est, quod texitur ordine, longum.”

340

His ubi sollicitos animi relevaverat aestus  
 vocibus et blanda pectus spe luserat aegrum,  
 paulatim tremebunda genis obducere vestem  
 virginis et placidam tenebris captare quietem,  
 inverso bibulum restinguens lumen olivo,  
 incipit ad crebrosque insani pectoris ictus      345  
 ferre manum, adsiduis mulcens praecordia palmis.  
 noctem illam sic maesta super marcentis<sup>349</sup> alumnae  
 frigidulos cubito subnixa pependit ocellos.

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*Wine* Postera lux ubi laeta diem mortalibus alnum  
 et gelida venientem ignem quatiebat ab Oeta,  
 quem pavidae alternis fugitant optantque puellae  
 (Hesperium vitant, optant ardescere Eouin),  
 praeceptis paret virgo nutricis et omnis  
 undique conquirit nubendi sedula causas.  
 temptantur patriae submissis vocibus aures,      355  
 laudanturque bonae pacis bona ; multus inepto  
 virginis insolitae sermo novus errat in ore.  
 nunc tremere instantis belli certamina dicit  
 communemque timere deum ; nunc regis amicis,  
 iamque ipsi verita est : orbum flet maesta parentem, 360

<sup>339</sup> texuit or texat : *texas edition* 1517.

<sup>340</sup> his *Aldine* 1517 : hic *HAR* : hoc *L*.

<sup>341</sup> luserat *Aldine* 1534 : viserat *HA*<sup>2</sup> : iusserat *A<sup>1</sup>R* : clauserat *L*.

<sup>344</sup> restringens.      <sup>345</sup> -que added by Bothe.

<sup>347</sup> marcentis *Heinsius* : morientis.

<sup>349</sup> *Vollmer* holds that a verse has fallen out after this.

<sup>350</sup> venientem ignem *Haupt* : venienti mihi (mane).

<sup>356</sup> inepte *Leo*.

<sup>360</sup> iamque *Haupt* : namque. *Vollmer* gives namque ipsi verita est in parentheses.

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have, for thou shalt have a plea for action and occasion for resentment)—then rather renew these thy attempts and essays. The gods and I—I promise thee, my child—will wait upon thee; no task proves long, which step by step is wrought.”

<sup>340</sup> When with these words she had lightened passion’s troubled tide, and with soothing hope had beguiled her love-sick heart, little by little with trembling hands she essays to draw a veil over the maiden’s cheeks, and with darkness to woo reposeful calm, uptilting the lamp of oil and quenching the thirsty light<sup>1</sup>; then lays her hand upon her mad heart’s frequent throbs, soothing her bosom with constant fondling. Thus all that night, sad soul, she hung poised on elbow over the tear-chilled eyes of her drooping foster-child.

<sup>349</sup> Soon as the morrow’s dawn was joyously bringing kindly day to mortals, and on chill Oeta was scattering the rays of those advancing fires, which timorous maidens now flee and now crave (the star of Hesperus they shun, they long for Eos to blaze),<sup>2</sup> the girl obeys the bidding of her nurse, and here and there earnestly seeks all manner of pleas for wedlock. In soft accents she assails her father’s ears, and praises the blessings of gentle peace; much strange speech flits from the foolish lips of the untutored maid: she trembles, she says, at the impending battle-strife, and fears the common god of war; now for the king’s friends and now for himself is she afraid: sadly she bewails her bereaved

<sup>1</sup> The light was extinguished by tilting up the lamp and allowing the oil to cover the burning wick.

<sup>2</sup> cf. Catullus, LXII. 35.

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cum Iove communis qui non dat habere nepotes;  
nunc etiam conficta dolo mendacia turpi  
invenit et divum terret formidine civis;  
nunc alia ex aliis (nec desunt) omina quaerit.  
quin etiam castos ausa est corrumpere vates,  
ut, cum caesa pio cecidisset victima ferro,  
esset qui generum Minoa auctoribus extis  
iungere et ancipitis suaderet tollerē pugnas.

At nutrix, patula componens sulpura testa,  
narcissum casiamque herbas contundit olentis  
terque novena ligans triplici diversa colore  
fila, "ter in gremium mecum," inquit, "despue, virgo,  
despue ter, virgo: numero deus impare gaudet."  
inde Iovi magno geminans Stygialia sacra,  
sacra nec Idaeis anubus nec cognita Grais,  
pergit, Amyclaeo spargens altaria thallo,  
regis Iolciacis animum defigere votis.

Verum ubi nulla movet stabilem fallacia Nisum,  
nec possunt homines nec possunt flectere divi,  
(tanta est in parvo fiducia crine cavendi),  
rursus ad inceptum sociam se iungit alumnae,  
purpureumque parat rursus tondere capillum,  
tam longo quod iam captat succurrere amori,  
non minus illa tamen, revehi quod moenia Cressa  
gaudeat: et cineri patria est iucunda sepulto.

Ergo iterum capiti Scylla est inimica paterno.

<sup>361</sup> qui non dat habere *Ellis*: qui quondam (quim, quin)  
habuere. <sup>362</sup> confecta. <sup>364</sup> omnia *R.*

<sup>366</sup> ut *Aldine edition* 1517: et. <sup>370</sup> incendit *HA.*

<sup>371</sup> ligans *Ribbeck*: ligant (ligat).

<sup>374</sup> inde (hinc) magno geminat (generata) Iovi: geminans  
*Bothe*. *Stygialia Scaliger*: frigidula.

<sup>375</sup> Aeaeis *Heinsius*. <sup>381</sup> adiungit *HL.*

<sup>383</sup> tam *Heyne*: cum longe (longo).

<sup>384</sup> revehi *A<sup>2</sup>*: rauci *A<sup>1</sup>R*: Rhauci *Ellis and Unger.*  
*Cressa Schrader*: crescat (crescant).

<sup>386</sup> iterum *Heinsius*: metu: manu *Ellis*. capiti *H<sup>2</sup>*: capitisi.

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father, who suffers her not to give him grandchildren whom he would share with Jove.<sup>1</sup> Now, too, she conceives falsehoods feigned in base deceit, and affrights her fellow-citizens with the terrors of the gods ; now for various omens, from this one and from that, she makes quest, nor fails to find them. Nay more, she dared to bribe holy seers, so that, when a victim fell, slain by sacred steel, one should prompt the king to join Minos to himself as son, and to put an end to the doubtful conflict.

<sup>369</sup> But the nurse, mixing sulphur in a broad bowl, bruises therewith narcissus and cassia, savoury herbs, and thrice tying thrice nine threads, marked with three different hues, she cries : " Spit thrice into thy bosom, as I do, maiden ; spit thrice, maiden : in an uneven number heaven delights."<sup>2</sup> Then, oft paying to mighty Jove the Stygian rites,<sup>3</sup> rites unknown to soothsayers, Trojan or Greek, she, sprinkling the altars with Amyclaean branch,<sup>4</sup> essays to bewitch the king's mind with Thessalian enchantments.

<sup>378</sup> But when now no device moves steadfast Nisus, and neither men nor gods can sway him (such confidence in warding off peril places he in his little lock) again she allies herself with her foster-child's design, and again makes ready to shear the crimson hair, for now she is eager to relieve a passion so protracted,— yet not less so because of her joy in returning to the towns of Crete ; our motherland is sweet, if only for our buried ashes.

<sup>386</sup> Therefore once more Scylla assails her father's

<sup>1</sup> If she wedded Minos, Nisus and Jupiter would both be grandfathers to her children.

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Elegies*, VIII. 73 ff.      <sup>3</sup> cf. *Aen.* IV. 638.

<sup>4</sup> Probably an olive-bough ; cf. *Aen.* VI. 230.

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tum coma Sidonio florens deciditur ostro,  
 tum capitur Megara et divum responsa probantur,  
 tum suspensa novo ritu de navibus altis  
 per mare caeruleum trahitur Niseia virgo. 390  
 complures illam nymphae mirantur in undis,  
 miratur pater Oceanus et candida Tethys  
 et cupidas secum rapiens Galatea sorores,  
 illam etiam, iunctis magnum quae piscibus aequor  
 et glauco bipedum curru metitur equorum, 395  
 Leucothea parvusque dea cum matre Palaemon;  
 illam etiam, alternas sortiti vivere luces,  
 cara Iovis suboles, magnum Iovis incrementum,  
 Tyndaridae niveos mirantur virginis artus.  
 has adeo voces atque haec lamenta per auras 400  
 fluctibus in mediis questu volvebat inani,  
 ad caelum infelix ardentia lumina tendens,  
 lumina, nam teneras arcebant vincula palmas:

“ Supprimite o paulum turbati flamina venti,  
 dum queror et divos (quamquam nil testibus illis 405  
 profeci) extrema moriens tamen adloquor hora.  
 vos ego, vos adeo, venti, testabor, et aurae,  
 vos, vos, humana si qui de gente venitis,  
 cernitis: illa ego sum cognato sanguine vobis,  
 Scylla (quod o salva liceat te dicere, Progne), 410  
 illa ego sum, Nisi pollentis filia quondam,

<sup>387</sup> tunc *AR* (*so in 388, 389*).      <sup>389</sup>

*navibus] manibus H<sup>1</sup>.*

<sup>394</sup> illa *H<sup>1</sup>LA.*

<sup>397</sup> illam *Heinsius: illi.*

<sup>402</sup> *tendens] tollens L.*

<sup>408</sup> *vos humana Leo, who also supposes that a verse preceding  
this is lost: o numantina.*

<sup>409</sup> *cernitis? Ellis.*

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head. Then it is that his hair, rich in its Sidonian purple, is cut off; then that Megara is taken and the divine oracles are proved; then that, suspended in strange fashion from lofty ships, the maiden daughter of Nisus is dragged over the blue sea-waters. Many Nymphs marvel at her amid the waves<sup>1</sup>; father Neptune marvels, and shining Tethys, and Galatea, carrying off in her company her eager sisters. At her, too, marvels she who traverses the mighty main in her azure car, drawn by her team of fishes<sup>2</sup> and two-footed steeds, Leucothea, and little Palaemon with his goddess mother.<sup>3</sup> At her, too, marvel they who live by lot alternate days, the dear offspring of Jupiter, mighty seed of a Jupiter to be,<sup>4</sup> the Tyndaridae, who marvel at the maiden's snowy limbs. Yea, these cries and these laments she, in the midst of the waves, sent ringing through the air in her fruitless wailing, uplifting to heaven, hapless one, her blazing eyes—her eyes, for bonds confined her tender hands.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>404</sup> “Stay, ye wild winds, O stay for a space your blasts while I make plaint, and, to the gods (albeit their witness has availed me naught) yet as I die, in my last hour, I raise my cry. You, ye winds and breezes, yea you, I will call to witness! Ye, if ye that meet me are of human stock,<sup>6</sup> ye discern me: I am Scylla, of blood akin to yours (of thy grace may I say this, O Procne!); I am she who once was daughter of mighty Nisus, she who was wooed in

<sup>1</sup> The passage is suggested by Catullus, LXIV. 14 ff.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. dolphins; cf. *Georgics*, IV. 388 ff.

<sup>3</sup> Ino, daughter of Cadmus.

<sup>4</sup> cf. *Eclergues*, IV. 49.      <sup>5</sup> cf. *Aen.* II. 405-6.

<sup>6</sup> She is addressing the birds, which have once been human beings.

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certatim ex omni petiit quam Graecia regno,  
 qua curvus terras amplectitur Hellespontus.  
 illa ego sum, Minos, sacrato foedere coniunx  
 dicta tibi : tamen haec, etsi non accipis, audis.      415  
 vinctane tam magni tranabo gurgitis undas ?  
 vincta tot adsiduas pendebo ex ordine luces ?  
 non equidem me alio possum contendere dignam  
 suppicio, quod sic patriam carosque penates  
 hostibus immitique addixi ignara tyranno.      420  
 verum istaec, Minos, illos scelerata putavi,  
 si nostra ante aliquis nudasset foedera casus,  
 facturos, quorum direptis moenibus urbis,  
 o ego crudelis, flamma delubra petivi ;  
 te vero victore prius vel sidera cursus      425  
 mutatura suos, quam te mihi talia captae  
 facturum metui. iam iani scelus omnia vincit.  
 tene ego plus patrio dilexi perdita regno ?  
 tene ego ? nec mirum, voltu decepta puella  
 (ut vidi, ut perii ! ut me malus abstulit error !)      430  
 non equidem ex isto speravi corpore posse  
 tale malum nasci ; forma vel sidera fallas.

“ Me non deliciis commovit regia dives,  
 dives curatio fragili et lacrimoso electro,  
 me non florentes aequali corpore nymphae,      435  
 non metus impendens potuit retinere deorum :  
 omnia vicit amor : quid enim non vinceret ille ?

413 quam curvus e terris (e omitted R, terras A<sup>2</sup>). *Vollmer*  
*recognizes fragments of two verses.*

415 aspicis *Heinsius*.

416 victa R.

419 quod sic] quam quod L.      420 ingrata *Heinsius*.

421 istaec *Schrader*: est hec (hoc). verum est: haec  
*Vollmer*.      424 flammis A.

427 factorum (fatorum) H A R.

432 sidera H A<sup>1</sup>: sidere. fallas *Haupt*: fallor (falle or  
 fallat).

434 dives added in Aldine edition 1534.

436 impendens *Leo* : incendens (incensam).

437 vicit L A R.

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rivalry by Greeks of every realm, wherever the winding Hellespont<sup>1</sup> embraces his lands. I am she, O Minos, whom by sacred compact thou didst call wife: this thou hearest, albeit thou payest no heed. Shall I in bonds float o'er the waves of so vast a sea? In bonds shall I be suspended for so many days, each following each? Yet that I am worthy of other punishment I may not plead, seeing that thus I surrendered my motherland and my dear home to foemen and to a tyrant—though I knew it not—thus pitiless. Yet shame so foul as this methought my countrymen might work me, should some mischance first disclose our alliance, and when their city walls were razed I, cruel one, alas! assailed their shrines with flames; but if thou wert victor, I deemed that the stars would change their courses ere thou shouldst do such deed to me, thy captive. Now, now 'tis wickedness that conquers all!<sup>2</sup> Did I, forlorn one, love thee above my father's realm? Did I love thee? Yet 'tis not strange. A maiden, deceived by thy face—as I saw, how was I lost! how a fatal frenzy swept me away!<sup>3</sup>—I did not deem that from that form of thine such guilt could spring. With thy beauty thou wouldest deceive even the stars!

<sup>433</sup> “I was moved not by a palace rich in its delights—rich in frail coral and amber tears—was moved not by damsels of like youth and beauteous to behold; no fear of gods with its menace could hold me back: Love conquered all: for what could Love not conquer?

<sup>1</sup> The Hellespont is perhaps put for the whole Aegean; cf. *Culex*, 33.

<sup>2</sup> A variation on *omnia vincit Amor* (*Ecl.* x. 69). So Linforth. Others would render “thy crime surpasses all.”

<sup>3</sup> = *Eclogues*, viii. 41.

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non mihi iam pingui sudabunt tempora myrrha,  
pronuba nec castos accendet pinus honores,  
nec Libys Assyrio sternetur lectulus ostro. 440  
magna queror : me ne illa quidem communis alumnam  
omnibus iniecta tellus tumulabit harena.  
mene inter matres ancillarisque maritas,  
mene alias inter famularum munere fungi  
coniugis atque tuae, quaecumque erit illa, beatae 445  
non licuit gravidos penso devolvere fusos ?  
at belli saltem captivam lege necasses ! 447  
iam tandem casus hominum, iam respice, Minos ! 454  
sit satis hoc, tantum solam vidiisse malorum, 455  
vel fato fuerit nobis haec debita pestis,  
vel casu incerto, merita vel denique culpa :  
omnia nam potius quam te fecisse putabo."

Labitur interea revoluta ab litore classis,  
magna repentina sinuantur lintea Coro, 460  
flectitur in viridi remus sale, languida fessae  
virginis in cursu moritur querimonia longo.  
deserit angustis inclusum faucibus Isthmon,  
Cypselidae magni florentia regna Corinthi ;  
praeterit abruptas Scironis protinus arces 465  
infestumque suis dirae testudinis exit  
spelaeum multoque cruentas hospite cautes.  
iamque adeo tutum longe Piraea cernit,  
et notas, heu heu frustra, respectat Athenas.

<sup>439</sup> odores *HL*.

<sup>441</sup> me ne *Heyne* : ne ut (nec et or ut) : ne tu . . . tumulabis *Ellis*.

<sup>448-453</sup> the transposition of verses as indicated in the text is due to Sudhaus. So Vollmer.

<sup>450</sup> livescunt *Heinsius* : labescunt (labascunt).

<sup>451</sup> pristes *Barth* : pestes or pisces.

<sup>455</sup> sola *HAR* : Scyllam *Haupt*.

<sup>457</sup> incerto *Scaliger* : incepto. <sup>459</sup> resoluta *Heinsius*.

<sup>464</sup> et magni *Schrader*. Corinthum *Heyne*.

<sup>469</sup> heu heu] secum heu.

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No more shall my temples drip with rich myrrh, nor shall the bridal pine kindle its pure flames, nor shall the Libyan couch be strewn with Assyrian purple. Chiefly do I thus complain: even yonder earth, that is common to all, will not entomb me, her foster-child, with sprinkling of sand! Might not I, amid the mothers and married slave-women—might not I, amid other handmaids, have performed their task, and for thy happy wife, whoe'er she be, have unrolled the spindles, weighted with their coils? But O that at least, by law of war, thou hadst killed me, thy captive! Now, pray, now, O Minos, give heed to the chances of human-kind!<sup>1</sup> Be it enough that I, and I alone, have looked upon thus much misery! Grant that this disaster has been due to me by fate, or has come by uncertain chance, or in fine by a guilt that deserves it: aught shall I believe rather than that thou hast been its author!"

<sup>459</sup> Meanwhile, set free from the shore, the fleet glides forth; the great sails swell with the sudden Northwest; the oar bends in the green salt water; the feeble wailing of the weary maid dies away in the long voyage. Behind her she leaves the Isthmus, shut in with its narrow throat, the rich realm at Corinth of the great son of Cypselus;<sup>2</sup> forthwith she passes Sciron's steep heights, and goes beyond the dread tortoise's cave, so fatal to her fellow-citizens, and the cliffs, stained with the blood of many a guest.<sup>3</sup> And now indeed she sees afar secure Piraeus, and looks back—alas! alas! in vain—upon

<sup>1</sup> She means that no human being has ever suffered like her.

<sup>2</sup> Periander.

<sup>3</sup> The robber Sciron used to throw his victims to a tortoise.

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- iam procul e fluctu Salaminia suspicit arva                    470  
 florentisque videt iam Cycladas; hinc Venus illi  
 Sunias, hinc statio contra patet Hermionea.  
 linquitur ante alias longe gratissima Delos  
 Nereidum matri et Neptuno Aegaeo.  
 prospicit incinctam spumanti litore Cythnon                    475  
 marmoreamque Paron viridemque adlapsa Donysam  
 Aeginamque simul †salutiferamque Seriphum.                477  
 iam fesso tandem fugiunt de corpore vires,  
 et caput inflexa lentum cervice recumbit,  
 marmorea adductis livescunt bracchia nodis.                450  
 aequoreae pristes, inmania corpora ponti,  
 undique convenient et glauco in gurgite circum  
 verbere caudarum atque oris minitantur hiatu.                453  
 fertur et incertis iactatur ad omnia ventis,                478  
 (cumba velut magnas sequitur cum parvula classis  
 Afer et hiberno bacchatur in aequore turbo),                480  
 donec tale decus formae vexarier undis  
 non tulit ac miseros mutavit virginis artus  
 caeruleo pollens coniunx Neptunia regno.  
 sed tamen aeternum squamis vestire puellam,  
 infidosque inter teneram committere piscis                485  
 non statuit (nimium est avidum pecus Amphitrites):  
 aeriis potius sublimem sustulit alis,  
 esset ut in terris facti de nomine Ciris,  
 Ciris Amyclaeo formosior ansere Ledae.

<sup>477</sup> sementiferam *A<sup>2</sup>L.* *The verse is faulty.* Vollmer thinks two half lines are lost after *simul*.

<sup>481</sup> vexarier *B*: vexavit *Z.* undis] aegros (aegram).

<sup>484</sup> aeternum *Kreunen*: alternat *Leo*: alternans *Vollmer*: eternam (externam).                <sup>489</sup> Amyclaeae *Heinsius*.

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famous Athens. Now at a distance, rising from the flood, the fields of Salamis she espies, lying apart from the waves, and now she sees the shining Cyclades: on this side the Venus of Sunium opens to her; on that, opposite, Hermione's town.<sup>1</sup> Then she leaves Delos, dearest beyond all to the mother of the Nereids and to Aegean Neptune;<sup>2</sup> she sees afar Cythnus, girt with foaming shore, and draws near to marble-white Paros and green Donysa, with Aegina and health-bringing Seriphus.<sup>3</sup> Now at length her strength flees from her weary frame, her head falls back heavy on her bended neck, her marble-white arms grow livid under the close-drawn knots. Monsters of the sea, giant forms of the deep, throng about her on all sides, and in the blue-grey waters threaten her with lashing tails and gaping mouths. Onward she moves, tossed to and fro by uncertain winds (even as a tiny skiff when it follows a great fleet, and an African hurricane riots upon the wintry sea) until Neptune's spouse,<sup>4</sup> queen of the azure realm, brooked it not that such a beauteous form should be harassed by the waves, and transformed the maiden's hapless limbs. But still she purposed not to clothe the gentle maid with scales for ever, or establish her amid treacherous fishes (all too greedy is Amphitrite's flock): rather she raised her aloft on airy wings, that she might live on earth as Ciris, named from the deed wrought<sup>5</sup>—Ciris, more beauteous than Leda's Amyclaean swan.

<sup>1</sup> The poet incorrectly substitutes Venus (Aphrodite) for Athena, who had a temple on Cape Sunium. Hermione was in the Argolid. <sup>2</sup> cf. *Aen.* III. 74.

<sup>3</sup> An allusion, probably, to the story of Danae and Perseus, whose ark was washed upon the coast of Seriphus.

<sup>4</sup> Amphitrite.

<sup>5</sup> Ciris is from *κείρειν*, “cut” or “shear.”

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Hic velut in niveo tenera est cum primitus ovo 490  
 effigies animantis et internodia membris  
 imperfecta novo fluitant concreta calore,  
 sic liquido Scyllae circumfusum aequore corpus  
 semiferi incertis etiam nunc partibus artus  
 undique mutabant atque undique mutabantur. 495  
 oris honos primum et multis optata labella  
 et patulae frontis species concrescere in unum  
 coepere et gracili mentum producere rostro ;  
 tum qua se medium capitis discrimin agebat,  
 ecce repente, velut patrios imitatus honores, 500  
 puniceam concussit apex in vertice cristam;  
 at mollis varios intexens pluma colores  
 marmoreum volucri vestivit tegmine corpus  
 lentaque perpetuas fuderunt bracchia pinnas.  
 inde alias partes minioque infecta rubenti 505  
 crura nova macies obduxit squalida pelle  
 et pedibus teneris unguis adfixit acutos.  
 et tamen hoc demum miserae succurrere pacto  
 vix fuerat placida Neptuni coniuge dignum.  
 numquam illam post haec oculi videre suorum 510  
 purpureas flavo retinentem vertice vittas,  
 non thalamus Syrio fragrans accepit amomo,  
 nullae illam sedes : quid enim cum sedibus illi ?  
 quae simul ut sese cano de gurgite velox  
 cum sonitu ad caelum stridentibus extulit alis 515  
 et multum late dispersit in aequora rorem,  
 infelix virgo nequ quam a morte recepta  
 incultum solis in rupibus exigit aevum,  
 rupibus et scopulis et litoribus desertis.

<sup>491</sup> animantur *BHL.*

<sup>501</sup> purpuream *A<sup>2</sup>L.*

<sup>503</sup> mansurum *A<sup>2</sup>L.*

<sup>506</sup> novamque acies (-em). pellem (pellis). <sup>509</sup> placide.

<sup>512</sup> Syrio *Ascensius*: Tyrio. flagrans.

<sup>513</sup> cum *Heinsius*: iam.

<sup>517</sup> a *Aldine edition 1534*: omitted in *MSS.*

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490 Hereon, as when at first in a snowy egg there is the soft outline of a living thing, and the limbs' imperfect junctures, as they grow together in unwonted heat, float about, yet incomplete; so with Scylla's body, encompassed by the waters of the deep, while the parts were even yet uncertain, the half-human joints were changing it throughout, and throughout were being changed. First, the lovely face and those lips yearned for by many, and the broad brow's charm, began to grow together and to prolong the chin with a slender beak. Then, where on the head the line appeared that parts the hair in equal portions, lo! of a sudden, as if copying her sire's glory, on her crown a tuft waved its crimson crest, while soft plumes, blending varied hues, clothed her marble-white body with vesture of wings, and the feeble arms put forth long feathers. Then other parts and the legs, coloured with blushing crimson, an unfamiliar leanness overlaid with rough skin, and to the tender feet fastened sharp nails. And yet to succour the hapless maiden in this manner only was scarce worthy of Neptune's gentle spouse. Never hereafter did the eyes of her kin behold her tying back her purple fillets upon her golden head; no chamber, fragrant with Syrian spice, no home welcomed her; what, indeed, had she to do with home? And soon as from the hoary tide with speed and uproar she arose to the sky on whirring wings, and far and wide has scattered a cloud of spray o'er the waters, the hapless maid, vainly recovered from death, lives her wild life among the lonely rocks—the rocks and cliffs and deserted shores.

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Nec tamen hoc ipsum poena sine : namque deum rex,  
 omnia qui imperio terrarum milia versat,                    521  
 commotus talem ad superos volitare pueram,  
 cum pater exstinctus caeca sub nocte lateret,  
 illi pro pietate sua (nam saepe nitentum  
 sanguine taurorum supplices resperserat aras,            525  
 saepe deum largo decorarat munere sedes)  
 reddidit optatam mutato corpore vitam  
 fecitque in terris haliaeetos ales ut esset :  
 quippe aquilis semper gaudet deus ille coruscis.  
 huic vero miserae, quoniam damnata deorum            530  
 iudicio, fatique et coniugis, ante fuisse,  
 infesti apposuit odium crudele parentis.  
 namque ut in aetherio signorum munere praestans,  
 unum quem duplice stellatum sidere vidi,  
 Scorpions alternis clarum fugat Oriona ;                535  
 sic inter sese tristis haliaeetos iras  
 et Ciris memori servant ad saecula fato.  
 quacumque illa levem fugiens secat aethera pinnis,  
 ecce inimicus, atrox, magno stridore per auras  
 insequitur Nisus ; qua se fert Nisus ad auras,        540  
 illa levem fugiens raptim secat aethera pinnis.

<sup>520</sup> ipsum *B*<sup>2</sup> : iterum *B*<sup>1</sup> *AR* (*explained by Vollmer as referring to her sufferings after the metamorphosis*).

<sup>522</sup> superos] celum *B*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>524</sup> nitentum *edition of 1507* : videmus : vigendum *Ellis*.

<sup>525</sup> respexerat *BH*<sup>1</sup>. auras *BHLA*.

<sup>526</sup> longo decoravit *AR*. sedem *A*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>529</sup> aquilis] aliis *B*<sup>1</sup> : aliquis *HA*<sup>1</sup> *R*. coruscus.

<sup>531</sup> fatique *E. B. Greene* : patrisque *Heyne* : patriaeque *Sillig* : pactique (=plighted) *Ellis* : natique.

<sup>533</sup> lumine *Schrader*.

<sup>534</sup> stellatum *Juntine edition* : stellarum.

<sup>535</sup> fugat *B* : fugant.                                    <sup>537</sup> facto.

<sup>538</sup> aera *AR*.    <sup>541</sup> aera *AR*.

## CIRIS

520 Yet even this not without penalty: for the king of the gods, who with his power sways all regions of the world, being grieved that a maid so wicked should be flitting to the world above, while under dark night's cover her father's light was quenched, unto him by reason of his piety (for oft with the blood of sleek bulls had he suppliantly besprinkled the altars, and oft with lavish gifts had he adorned the homes of the gods) granted under changed form the life he had craved, and suffered him to be on earth a winged sea-eagle, for in lightning-swift eagles that god ever delights. But upon that unhappy maid, since she had first been condemned by judgment of the gods, of fate and of her husband,<sup>1</sup> he laid an angry father's relentless hate. For even as, amid the grandeur of heaven's constellations, the glorious Scorpion, which alone I have seen bestarred with two-fold brilliance, puts to rout in alternate strife the gleaming Orion: so the sea-eagle and the Ciris, with ever mindful fate, maintain the fierceness of mutual wrath from age to age. Wherever she flees, cleaving the light air with her wings, lo! savage and ruthless, with loud whirr Nisus follows through the sky; where Nisus mounts skyward, she flees in haste, cleaving the light air with her wings.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Minos was the *coniunx* (to be) of Scylla.

<sup>2</sup> Lines 538-541 = *Georgics*, I. 406-9.

## COPA\*

COPA Surisca, caput Graeca redimita mitella,  
crispum sub crotalo docta movere latus,  
ebria fumosa saltat lasciva taberna,  
ad cubitum raucos excutiens calamos : 5  
“ quid iuvat aestivo defessum pulvere abesse ?  
quam potius bibulo decubuisse toro ?  
sunt topia et kalybae, cyathi, rosa, tibia, chordae,  
et triclia umbrosis frigida harundinibus.  
en et Maenalio quae garrit dulce sub antro  
rustica pastoris fistula in ore sonat. 10  
est et vappa, cado nuper defusa picato,  
et strepitans rauco murmure rivus aquae.  
sunt et cum croceo violae de flore corollae  
sertaque purpurea lutea mixta rosa  
et quae virgineo libata Achelois ab amne 15  
lilia vimineis attulit in calathis.  
sunt et caseoli, quos iuncēa fiscina siccatur,  
sunt autumnali cerea pruna die  
castaneaeque nuces et suave rubentia mala,  
est hic munda Ceres, est Amor, est Bromius. 20

<sup>3</sup> fumosa *M*: famosa *SFL*.

<sup>7</sup> kalybae (= καλύβαι) *Reichenbach*: *MSS.* have kalibes,  
calybes, chalybes, or calices. <sup>10</sup> in ore *SFL*: more *M*.  
<sup>13</sup> et cum croceo *Leo*: etiam croceo.

\* For the MSS. see the opening note on the *Dirae*.

## COPA<sup>1</sup>

SYRISCA, the inn-keeper, her head bound with Greek kerchief, trained as she is to sway her tremulous limbs to the notes of her castanets, within her smoky tavern tipsily dances in wanton wise, shaking against her elbow her noisy reeds:<sup>2</sup> "What boots it to stay outside, when aweary with the summer's dust, rather than to recline on the thirsty couch of grass?<sup>3</sup> There are garden nooks and arbours, mixing-cups, roses, flutes, lyres, and cool bowers with shady canes. Lo! too, the pipe, which twitters sweetly within a Maenalian<sup>4</sup> grotto, sounds its rustic strain in a shepherd's mouth. There is fresh wine, too, just drawn from the pitched jar, and a water-brook running noisily with hoarse murmur; there are also chaplets of violet blossoms mixed with saffron, and yellow garlands blended with crimson roses; and lilies bedewed by a virgin stream, which a nymph<sup>5</sup> has brought in osier-baskets. There are little cheeses, too, dried in a basket of rushes; there are waxen plums of autumn's season, and chestnuts and sweetly blushing apples; there is Ceres' pure gift, with Love and Bacchus;

<sup>1</sup> This interesting little poem, written in elegiac couplets, was attributed to Virgil by the grammarian Charisius.

<sup>2</sup> The castanets were made of pieces of reed or wood.

<sup>3</sup> cf. "viridante toro . . . herbae" (*Aen.* v. 388).

<sup>4</sup> cf. *Georgics*, i. 17; *Eclogues*, viii. 21.

<sup>5</sup> As *Achelous* is used for *aqua* in general (cf. *Georgics*, i. 9), so *Achelois* is used for a water-nymph or Naiad; cf. *Eclogues*, ii. 45, 46.

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sunt et mora cruenta et lentis uva racemis,  
 et pendet iunco caeruleus cucumis.

est tuguri custos, armatus falce saligna,  
 sed non et vasto est inguine terribilis.

huc, Calybita, veni : lassus iam sudat asellus ;      25  
 parce illi : Vestae delicium est asinus.

nunc cantu crebro rumpunt arbusta cicadae,  
 nunc varia in gelida sede lacerta latet :  
 si sapis, aestivo recubans nunc proluce vitro,  
 seu vis crystalli ferre novos calices.      30

hic age pampinea fessus requiesce sub umbra,  
 et gravidum roseo necte caput strophio,  
 formosum tenerae decerpens ora puellae.

a pereat, cui sunt prisca supercilia !  
 quid cineri ingrato servas bene olentia serta ?      35  
 anne coronato vis lapide ista tegi ? ”

“ pone merum et talos. pereat, qui crastina curat !  
 Mors aurem vellens ‘ vivite ’ ait, ‘ venio.’ ”

<sup>25</sup> huc *M* : huic *S*.

<sup>26</sup> Vestae *Voss* : vestrae.

<sup>28</sup> varia *M* : vero *S* : vere *L* : vepris *Ellis* : veprum *Haupt*.

<sup>29</sup> nunc] te *Paris* 8205.      <sup>31</sup> hic *S* : eia or hia.

<sup>33</sup> ore *S*.

<sup>36</sup> ista] ossa *Ilgen*. tegi] legi *Wernsdorff*, who refers ista to serta. “ Wouldst have them culled at the crowning of thy tomb ? ”

<sup>37</sup> Vollmer gives this verse only to the traveller, making v. 38 an epilogue. Other editors carry the inn-keeper's speech through to the end.

## COPA

there are blood-red mulberries with grapes in heavy clusters, and from its stalk hangs the blue-grey melon. There is the cot's guardian,<sup>1</sup> armed with sickle of willow, but not to be feared is he, for all his huge groin.

<sup>25</sup> "Come hither, priest of Cybele!<sup>2</sup> Now thy wearied ass is sweating; spare him: the ass is Vesta's delight.<sup>3</sup> Now with constant song the cicadas rend the thickets;<sup>4</sup> now the spotted lizard lurks in her cool retreat: if thou art wise, lay thee down now and steep thyself in a bowl of summer-time,<sup>5</sup> or in fresh crystal cups, if thou wishest them brought. Come; rest here thy wearied frame, beneath the shade of vines, and entwine thy heavy head in a garland of roses, sweetly snatching kisses from a tender maiden's lips. Ah! away with him that has the sternness of early days! Why keepest the fragrant wreaths for thankless ashes? Wouldst have those limbs covered with a crowned tombstone?"<sup>6</sup>

<sup>37</sup> "Set forth the wine and dice! Away with him who heeds the morrow! Death, plucking the ear, cries: 'Live; I come!'"

<sup>1</sup> Priapus.

<sup>2</sup> Used jocularly, the *galli* or priests of Cybele having a reputation as vagabonds or beggars.

<sup>3</sup> Because, according to the story, his braying warned Vesta of an assault by Priapus (*cf.* Ovid, *Fasti*, vi. 311 ff.).

<sup>4</sup> *cf. Georgics*, III. 328.

<sup>5</sup> i.e. one of unusual size.

<sup>6</sup> Garlands were laid on tombstones; *cf.* Propertius, III. xvi. 23. The *copa* asks the traveller to have the wreaths used for a feast, not for a funeral. He is supposed to yield to her allurements, and, citing an Epicurean maxim, to fling discretion to the winds.

## MORETUM\*

Iam nox hibernas bis quinque peregerat horas  
excubitorque diem cantu praedixerat ales,  
Simylus exigui cultor cum rusticus agri,  
tristia venturae metuens ieunia lucis,  
membra levat vili sensim demissa grabato  
sollicitaque manu tenebras explorat inertis  
vestigatque focum, laesus quem denique sentit.  
parvulus exusto remanebat stipite fumus  
et cinis obductae celabat lumina prunae.  
admovet his pronam submissa fronte lucernam  
et producit acu stuppas umore carentes,  
excitat et crebris languentem flatibus ignem.  
taudem concepto, sed vix, fulgore recedit,  
oppositaque manu lumen defendit ab aura  
et reserat clausae quae pervidet ostia clavis.  
fusus erat terra frumenti pauper acervus :  
hinc sibi depromit, quantum mensura patebat,  
quae bis in octonas excurrit pondere libras.

Inde abit adsistitque molae parvaque tabella,  
quam fixam paries illos servabat in usus,

5

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<sup>7</sup> sentit *H*: sensit. <sup>8</sup> fumus] fomes *Scaliger*.

<sup>13</sup> sed vix *Bücheler*: sed lux.

<sup>15</sup> clavi *H*.

\* Besides *F*, *S*, *L*, for which see note at the opening of the *Culex*, Vollmer cites *P* = Paris 16236 of the 10th century; *D* = Paris 7930 of the 11th century; *R* = Vindob. 134

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needs on the wall, he sets his trusty light. Then from his garment he frees his twin arms, and, girt in shaggy goat's hide, with tail-brush he carefully sweeps the stones and hollow of the mill. Next he summons his two hands to work, dividing them between the two-fold tasks: the left is bent on serving grain, the right on plying the mill.<sup>1</sup> This, instant round, turns and drives the wheel (the hand, bruised by the stones' swift blows, runs slow); the left, at intervals, seconds her wearied master, and takes her turn. Anon he sings rustic songs, and with rude strains solaces his toil; at other times he shouts to Scybale. She was his only help, now in stock, her whole form proclaiming her misery: her hair curly, her lips swollen and her skin dark, her chest broad, her breast hanging low, her nose somewhat pinched, her legs thin, her feet ill-fitted and ample. Her rough shoes were torn with holes. Her he calls, and bids her place on the floor, and over the flame heat cold water. As the revolving mill has filled up the stone, his hand then transfers to a sieve the grain and shakes it, and lo! the husks remain on the side. The corn, clean and pure, sinks through the crevices. Then straightening the smooth table he lays it out, pours o'er it the grain, packs together the now mingled moisture, beats it by hand till hardened and, the while, from time to time sprinkles the heap with water. And now he smooths off his vanquished master.

In olden times, corn was ground by means of two stones, of which, called *meta*, was shaped like a part of the upper stone fitted into a receptacle above, the corn passed through a hole above the *meta*, and was ground on the lower stone.

## VIRGIL

lumina fida locat. geminos tum veste lacertos  
 liberat et cinctus villosae tegmine caprae  
 perverrit cauda silices gremiumque molarum.  
 advocat inde manus operi, partitus utrimque :  
 laeva ministerio, dextra est intenta labori.      25  
 haec rotat adsiduum gyris et concitat orbem  
 (tunsa Ceres silicum rapido decurrit ab ictu),  
 interdum fessae succedit laeva sorori  
 alternatque vices. modo rustica carmina cantat  
 agrestique suum solatur voce laborem,      30  
 interdum clamat Scybalen. erat unica custos,  
 Afra genus, tota patriam testante figura,  
 torta comam labroque tumens et fusca colore,  
 pectore lata, iacens mammis, compressior alvo,  
 cruribus exilis, spatiosa prodiga planta.      35  
 continuis rimis calcanea scissa rigebant.  
 hanc vocat atque arsura focis imponere ligna  
 imperat et flamma gelidos adolere liquores.

Postquam implevit opus iustum versatile finem,  
 transfert inde manu tusas in cribra farinas      40  
 et quatit, ac remanent summo purgamina dorso.  
 subsidit sincera foraminibusque liquatur  
 enundata Ceres. levi tum protinus illam  
 componit tabula, tepidas super ingerit undas,  
 contrahit admixtos nunc fontes atque farinas,      45  
 transversat durata manu liquidoque coacto  
 interdum grumos spargit sale, iamque subactum

<sup>22</sup> tegmine *S*: tergere.

<sup>24</sup> admovet. utrimque *It*.: utriusque (utrumque *H*).

<sup>26</sup> haec] hinc *It.*      <sup>33</sup> adsiduis *H.*      <sup>33</sup> calore.

<sup>34</sup> pectora.

<sup>36</sup> given by *H* and a few other MSS. but commonly regarded as an interpolation.

<sup>40</sup> transferat. inde] illa. tusas *Wolf*: fusas.

<sup>41</sup> ac] h(a)ec : et.      <sup>42</sup> sincere.      <sup>43</sup> emendata.

<sup>45</sup> fontes *FRM*: frondes *PDSL*.      <sup>47</sup> gremio.

## MORETUM

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<sup>39</sup> Soon as the revolving mill has filled up the measure due, his hand then transfers to a sieve the bruised meal and shakes it, and lo! the husks remain on the upper side. The corn, clean and pure, sinks down, filtering through the crevices. Then straightway on a smooth table he lays it out, pours o'er it warm water, packs together the now mingled moisture and meal, kneads it by hand till hardened and, the liquid subdued, from time to time sprinkles the heap with salt. And now he smooths off his vanquished

<sup>1</sup> In ancient mills, corn was ground by means of two stones, the lower of which, called *meta*, was shaped like a cone. The lower part of the upper stone fitted the *meta* like a cap. Poured into a receptacle above, the corn passed through a small hole above the *meta*, and was ground on the sides of the latter.

## VIRGIL

levat opus palmisque suum dilatat in orbem  
 et notat impressis aequo discrimine quadris.  
 infert inde foco (Scybale mundaverat aptum      50  
   ante locum) testisque tegit, super aggerat ignis.  
 dumque suas peragit Volcanus Vestaque partes,  
 Simylus interea vacua non cessat in hora,  
 verum aliam sibi quaerit opem, neu sola palato  
 sit non grata Ceres, quas iungat comparat escas.      55  
 non illi suspensa focum carnaria iuxta,  
 durati sale terga suis truncique vacabant,  
 traiectus medium sparto sed caseus orbem  
 et vetus adstricti fascis pendebat anethi.  
 ergo aliam molitur opem sibi providus heros.      60

Hortus erat iunctus casulae, quem vimina pauca  
 et calamo rediviva levi munibat harundo,  
 exiguis spatio, variis sed fertilis herbis.  
 nil illi derat, quod pauperis exigit usus ;  
 interdum locuples a paupere plura petebat.      65  
 nec sumptus erat ullius, sed regula curae :  
 si quando vacuum casula pluviaeve tenebant  
 festave lux, si forte labor cessabat aratri,  
 horti opus illud erat.    varias disponere plantas  
 norat et occultae committere semina terrae      70  
 vicinosque apte cura submittere rivos.  
 hic holus, hic late fundentes bracchia betae  
 fecundusque rumex malvaeque inulaeque virebant,  
 hic siser et nomen capiti debentia porra,  
 [hic etiam nocuum capiti gelidumque papaver,]      75  
 grataque nobilium requies lactuca ciborum,

<sup>50</sup> focos.

<sup>56</sup> carnalia.

<sup>60</sup> heros] aeris *SL* : herbis *Ribbeck*.

<sup>62</sup> redimita *H.*      <sup>65</sup> plura] multa *It.*

<sup>66</sup> ullius (ullus or huius) opus  $\Omega$  : *Mähly deleted* opus : illud opus *Ellis, Curcio.*    *recula Ribbeck.*

<sup>75</sup> This verse is lacking in the oldest MSS.

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work, with open palms broadens it into its rounded form, and marks it in four parts, stamped in equal divisions.<sup>1</sup> Then he puts it in the hearth (Scybale first had cleaned a fitting place), and covers it with tiles, heaping up the fire above. And while Vulcan and Vesta are playing their part, Simylus meanwhile in that idle hour is not slack, but seeks for himself another resource, and lest Ceres alone should not please the palate, he gathers dainties to add thereto. Near his hearth no larder hung from the ceiling; gammons and slices of bacon dried and salted were wanting, but old cheeses, their rounded surface pierced midway with rushes, were suspended in baskets of close-woven fennel. Therefore the prudent hero toils to provide himself with another resource.

<sup>61</sup> Adjoining the cottage was a garden, sheltered by a few osiers and reeds of slender stalk, ever springing up afresh: small in extent, but rich in various herbs. Naught did it lack that a poor man's need demands; at times the wealthy would turn to the poor man's stock for more. And naught did he spend thereon, but his daily toil was his guide: if ever rains or a holiday kept him idle in his cottage; if perchance the labouring plough was idle, that time fell to the garden. He knew how to set out various plants, to entrust seeds to the hidden soil, and about his plots to train some rills, conveniently near. Here throve cabbage, here beets, their arms far outspread, with rich sorrel, mallows, and elecampane; here skirret and leeks, that owe their name to the head,<sup>2</sup> and lettuce that brings pleasing

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Aen.* vii. 115.

<sup>2</sup> The *porrum capitatum* as contrasted with the *porrum sectile*, the latter being our cut-leek or chives.

## VIRGIL

80

. . . . . crescitque in acumina radix  
et gravis in latum demissa cucurbita ventrem.  
verum hic non domini (quis enim contractior illo ?),  
sed populi proventus erat, nonisque diebus  
venalis umero fascis portabat in urbem :

inde domum cervice levis, gravis aere redibat,  
vix umquam urbani comitatus merce macelli.  
caepa rubens sectique famem domat area porri,  
quaeque trahunt acri voltus nasturtia morsu,  
intibaque et Venerem revocans eruca morantem.

85

Tunc quoque tale aliquid meditans intraverat  
hortum.

ac primum, leviter digitis tellure refossa,  
quattuor educit cum spissis alia fibris ;  
inde comas apii gracilis rutamque rigentem  
vellit et exiguo coriandra trementia filo.  
haec ubi collegit, laetum consedit ad ignem  
et clara famulam poscit mortaria voce.

90

singula tum capitum nodoso cortice nudat  
et summis spoliat coriis contemptaque passim  
spargit humi atque abicit. servatum gramine bulbum  
tinguit aqua lapidisque cavum dimittit in orbem.  
his salis inspargit micas, sale durus adeso  
caseus adicitur, dictas super ingerit herbæ,  
et laeva vestem saetosa sub inguina fulcit,  
dextera pistillo primum fragrantia mollit  
alia, tum pariter mixto terit omnia suco.  
it manus in gyrum : paulatim singula vires

95

<sup>77</sup> Inferior MSS. attempt to remedy the defective verse thus  
(e.g.) : plurima crescit ibi surgitque in acumina radix.

<sup>78</sup> dimissa. <sup>80</sup> profectus.

<sup>81</sup> humore : holerum. <sup>83</sup> vacuus (-a) mercede.

<sup>90</sup> virentem, H. <sup>92</sup> laetus It.

<sup>96</sup> adicit n. in germine Schrader.

<sup>99</sup> ingerit F<sup>1</sup>H : inserit : interit Ellis.

<sup>100</sup> inguine S<sup>1</sup>L.

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relief to sumptuous banquets:<sup>1</sup> here sharp-pointed radish, and the heavy gourd, that swells into its broad belly. But this crop was not for the owner (for who more frugal than he?) but for the people; and every ninth day on his shoulders he would carry faggots to town for sale. Thence he would home return, light of neck, but heavy of pocket, and seldom attended by the city-market's wares. His hunger red onion tames, and his plot of cut-leek, and nasturtium that with sharp taste pinches the face, and endive, and cole-wort that calls back a lagging love.

<sup>87</sup> At this hour, too, with some such plan in his thoughts had he entered the garden. At first, lightly digging up the ground with his fingers, he draws out four garlic bulbs with thick fibres, then plucks slender parsley-leaves and unbending rue, and coriander, trembling on its scanty stalk. These culled, he sat down by the pleasant fire, and loudly calls to the maid for a mortar. Then he strips the single heads of their rough membranes, and despoils them of the outermost skins, scattering about on the ground the parts thus slighted and casting them away. The bulb, saved with the leaves, he dips in water, and drops into the mortar's hollow circle. Thereon he sprinkles grains of salt, adds cheese hardened with consuming salt, and heaps on top the herbs we have named; and while his left hand gathers up the tunic about his shaggy flanks, his right first crushes with a pestle the fragrant garlic, then grinds all evenly in the juicy mixture. Round and round passes the hand: little by little the ele-

<sup>1</sup> Lettuce was eaten at the close of a feast, though from the time of Martial it appeared at the beginning; cf. Martial, XIII. xiv.

VIRGIL

deperdunt proprias, color est e pluribus unus,  
nec totus viridis, quia lactea frusta repugnant,  
nec de lacte nitens, quia tot variatur ab herbis.  
saepe viri naris acer iaculatur apertas  
spiritus et simo damnat sua prandia voltu,  
saepe manu summa lacrimantia lumina terget  
**immeritoque furens dicit convicia fumo.**

105

Procedebat opus: non iam salebrosus, ut **ante**,  
sed gravior lentos ibat pistillus in orbis.  
**ergo Palladii guttas instillat olivi**  
**exiguique super vires infundit acetum**  
atque iterum commiscet opus mixtumque retractat. 115  
**tum demum digitis mortaria tota duobus**  
circuit inque globum distantia contrahit unum,  
constet ut effecti species nomenque moreti.

110

Eruit interea Scybale quoque sedula panem,  
quem laetus recipit manibus, pulsoque timore 120  
iam famis inque diem securus Simylus illam,  
ambit crura ocreis paribus, tectusque galero  
sub iuga parentis cogit lorata iuvencos,  
atque agit in segetes et terrae condit aratrum.

120

<sup>105</sup> frustra.  
<sup>111</sup> non *SL*: nec.  
<sup>120</sup> laetus] lotis *It.*

<sup>109</sup> tergit *D<sup>1</sup>RM.*  
<sup>112</sup> lento *PSL.* orbem *R It.*  
<sup>122</sup> abit *P.*

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ments lose their peculiar strength ; the many colours blend into one, yet neither is this wholly green, for milk-white fragments still resist, nor is it a shining milky-white, for it is varied by so many herbs. Often the strong odour smites the man's open nostrils, and with wrinkled nose he condemns his breakfast fare, often drawing the back of his hand across his tearful eyes, and cursing in anger the innocent smoke.

<sup>111</sup> The work goes on apace : no longer in uneven course, as before, but heavier in weight, the pestle moves on in slower circles. Therefore he lets fall upon it some drops of Minerva's oil, pouring o'er it strong vinegar in scanty stream, then once more stirs up the dish and handles the mixture afresh. And now at length he passes two fingers round all the mortar, and into one ball packs the sundry pieces, so that, in reality as in name, there is fashioned a perfect *moretum*.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>119</sup> Meanwhile Scybale too, industrious maid, draws forth the bread, which he gladly welcomes to his hands ; and now that fear of hunger is driven away, care-free for the day, Simylus dons his well-matched leggings and sheltering cap, forces his submissive bullocks under their leather-bound yokes, and drives them to the fields, there in the earth burying his plough.

<sup>1</sup> Thus is designated the rustic dish of herbs, which forms the subject of this curious sketch. Another reference to the *moretum* in Latin literature is in Ovid, *Fasti*, iv. 367, where we learn that the mixture was used at the feasts of Cybele. A prose description is given in Columella (xii. 57).

## DIRAE \*

BATTARE, cycneas repetamus carmine voces :  
divisas iterum sedes et rura canamus,  
rura, quibus diras indiximus, impia vota.  
ante lupos rapient haedi, vituli ante leones,  
delphini fugient piscis, aquilae ante columbas,  
et conversa retro rerum discordia gliscet—  
multa prius fient quam non mea libera avena.  
montibus et silvis dicam tua facta, Lycurge.

5

“ Impia Trinacriae sterilescant gaudia vobis  
nec fecunda, senis nostri felicia rura,  
semina parturiant segetes, non pascua colles,  
non arbusta novas fruges, non pampinus uvas,  
ipsae non silvae frondes, non flumina montes.”

10

Rursus et hoc iterum repetamus, Battare, carmen :

“ Effetas Cereris sulcis condatis avenas,  
pallida flavescant aestu sitientia prata,  
immatura cadant ramis pendentia mala ;

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<sup>3</sup> rura *H* : dura.                          <sup>4</sup> rapiunt *M* : -ant *FL*.  
<sup>7</sup> avena *SFL* : sata (fata) *M*.    <sup>8</sup> fata *MF*.  
<sup>10</sup> nostris *M*.                                 <sup>15</sup> sulci *It*.

\* The principal MSS. cited are *M* (see note at the opening of the *Moretum*) and *S, F, L* (see note at the opening of the *Culex*). For *Z* and *H* see note at the opening of the *Ciris*.

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O BATTARUS,<sup>2</sup> let us repeat the notes of the swan : again let us sing our divided homes and lands—those lands whereon we have pronounced our curses, unholy prayers. Sooner shall kids prey upon wolves, sooner calves upon lions ; sooner shall dolphins flee before fishes, sooner eagles before doves, and a world-chaos, again returning, shall burst forth—yea, many things shall befall, sooner than my shepherd's reed shall be enslaved. To the mountains and woods will I tell thy deeds, Lycurgus.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>9</sup> “Unholy and unblest, may Trinacria’s joys become barren for thee and thy fellows, and may the fruitful seeds in our old master’s rich lands give birth to no corn-crops, the hills to no pastures, the trees to no fresh fruits, the vines to no grapes, the very woods to no leafage, the mountains to no streams !”

<sup>14</sup> Once more and yet again, O Battarus, let us repeat this strain :

“Outworn may the oats of Ceres be that ye bury in the furrows ; pale and wan may the meadows become, parched with heat ; unripened may the drooping apples fall from the boughs ! Let leaves

<sup>1</sup> This imprecatory poem belongs to the beginning of the Augustan age, and was apparently inspired by the distribution of lands in 41 B.C. Inasmuch as Virgil lost his estate at this time, the poem was easily assigned to him. See vol. i p. vii.

<sup>2</sup> Nothing is known of Battarus. He was perhaps a neighbour, who, like the poet, was dispossessed of his farm.

<sup>3</sup> Lycurgus is one of the soldiers who have taken possession of the poet’s land. cf. the plur. in ll. 9 and 10.

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desint et silvis frondes et fontibus umor,  
nec desit nostris devotum carmen avenis.  
haec Veneris vario florentia serta decore,  
purpureo campos quae pingunt verna colore  
(hinc aureae dulces, hinc suavis spiritus agri)  
mutent pestiferos aestus et taetra venena;  
dulcia non oculis, non auribus ulla ferantur.”

20

Sic precor et nostris superent haec carmina votis:

25

“ Lusibus et nostris multum cantata libellis  
optima silvarum, formosisa densa virectis,  
tondebis viridis umbras: nec laeta comantis  
iactabis mollis ramos inflantibus auris,  
nec mihi saepe meum resonabit, Battare, carmen. 30  
militis impia cum succidet dextera ferro  
formosaeque cadent umbrae, formosior illis  
ipsa cades, veteris domini felicia ligna.  
neququam! nostris potius devota libellis,  
ignibus aetheriis flagrabis. Iuppiter (ipse 35  
Iuppiter hanc aluit), cinis haec tibi fiat oportet.  
Thraecis tum Boreae spirent immania vires,  
Eurus agat mixtam fulva caligine nubem,  
Africus immineat nimbis minitantibus imbre,  
cum tua cyaneo resplendens aethere silva 40  
non iterum disset, crebro quae, Lydia, dixti.  
vicinae flammæ rapiant ex ordine vitis,

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<sup>19</sup> carmen] gramen *M.*

<sup>21</sup> pingunt verna *Heinsius*: pingit avena.

<sup>23</sup> mittent *M.*      <sup>26</sup> lusibus *Putsch*: ludimus.

<sup>28</sup> tondebis *Gronovius*: tondemus (tundemus or tondentur)

<sup>31</sup> succidet Ω: succaedet *Ellis*.      <sup>32</sup> cadent *It.*: cadunt.

<sup>33</sup> ipse. regna *M.*

<sup>35</sup> flagrabis *It.*: flagrabit.

<sup>36</sup> tibi] a Iove *Machly* (haec omitted).

<sup>40</sup> tu cyaneo resplendes *Vollmer*.

<sup>41</sup> disset crebro quae etc. *Eskuché*: dicens Ω: dices *It.*  
crebro *M*: erebo *L*: nec ero “tua,” *Lydia*, dici *Ellis*: quae  
*Eskuché*: tua dixti (dixi).

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fail the woods, water fail the streams, but let the strain that curses fail not my reeds! May these flowery garlands of Venus, with their varied beauties, which in spring-time paint the fields with brilliant hues (hence, ye sweet breezes : hence, ye fragrant odours of the field!)—may they change to blasting heats and loathsome poisons ; may nothing sweet to eyes, nothing sweet to ears be wafted !”

<sup>25</sup> Thus I pray, and in our prayers may these strains abound !

“O thou best of woods, oft sung in our playful songs and verses, thou beauteous in thy wealth of green, thou shalt shear thy green shade : neither shalt thou boast of thy soft boughs’ joyous leafage, as the breezes blow among them,<sup>1</sup> nor, O Battarus, shall it oft resound for me with my song. When with his axe the soldier’s impious hand shall fell it, and the lovely shadows fall, thyself, more lovely than they, shalt fall, the old owner’s happy timber. Yet all for naught ! Rather, accursed by our verses, thou shalt burn with heaven’s fires. O Jupiter (’twas Jupiter himself nurtured this wood), this must thou turn into ashes !

<sup>27</sup> “Then let the strength of the Thracian North blow his mighty blasts ; let the East drive a cloud with lurid darkness mixed ; let the South-West menace with storm-clouds threatening rain, when thy woodland, gleaming in the dark-blue sky, shall not learn again what thou, O Lydia,<sup>2</sup> hast often uttered ! Let neighbouring flames in order seize

<sup>1</sup> Ellis takes *auris* as dative : “toss to the gales that blow music into thy soft-swaying branches.”

<sup>2</sup> Lydia is the poet’s sweetheart.

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pascantur segetes, diffusis ignibus auras  
 transvolet, arboribus coniungat et ardor aristas.  
 pertica qua nostros metata est impia agellos,  
 qua nostri fines olim, cinis omnia fiat.”

45

Sic precor et nostris superent haec carmina votis :

“ Undae, quae vestris pulsatis litora lymphis,  
 litora, quae dulcis auras diffunditis agris,  
 accipite has voces : migret Neptunus in arva  
 fluctibus et spissa campos perfundat harena.  
 qua Volcanus agros pastus Iovis ignibus arsit,  
 barbara dicatur Libycae soror altera Syrtis.”

50

Tristius hoc, memini, revocasti, Battare, canticum :

“ Nigro multa mari dicunt portenta natare,  
 monstra repentinis torrentia saepe figuris,  
 cum subito emersere furenti corpora ponto :  
 haec agat infesto Neptunus caeca tridenti,  
 atrum convertens aestum maris undique ventis  
 et fuscum cinerem canis exhaustiat undis.  
 dicantur mea rura ferum mare ; nauta, caveto  
 rura, quibus diras indiximus, impia vota.”

55

Si minus haec, Neptune, tuas infundimus auris,  
 Battare, fluminibus tu nostros trade dolores ;  
 nam tibi sunt fontes, tibi semper flumina amica. 65  
 nil est quod perdam ulterius ; merito omnia Ditis.

“ Flectite currentis nymphas, vaga flumina, retro,  
 flectite et adversis rursum diffundite campis ;

<sup>43</sup> auras *Heinsius* : auras.      <sup>44</sup> ardor *It.* : arbor.

<sup>45</sup> fiant *H.*

<sup>52</sup> arsit *Ribbeck* : arcet : ardet *Scaliger*.

<sup>54</sup> revocasti *H* : revocasset *Ω.*

<sup>57</sup> ferenti *S.*

<sup>58</sup> infesto *It.* : infesta.

<sup>63</sup> tuas *Heinsius* : tuis.

<sup>64</sup> nostris *M.*

<sup>65</sup> flumina semper *S.*

<sup>66</sup> em quod pergam ulteris *S*

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1 upon the vines, let the crops become their food,  
et the blaze in scattered fires wing its way athwart  
the breezes, and link the corn-ears with the trees !  
Where the unholy rod measured our fields, where  
once were our boundaries, let all become ashes !”

47 Thus I pray, and in our prayers may these  
strains abound !

“ O waves, that with your waters beat the shores ;  
O shores, that o'er the fields scatter sweet breezes,  
give ear to these cries. Let Neptune with his waves  
pass to the tilth, and with thick sand cover the fields !  
Where Vulcan, feeding on the lands, has burned with  
heaven's fires, be it called a sister of the Libyan sand,  
a second Syrtis ! ”

54 This sadder strain, O Battarus, I remember thou  
didst recall :

“ Many fearsome things, they say, swim in the  
black sea—monsters that oft-times terrify with forms  
unlooked for, when suddenly they have reared their  
bodies from out the raging deep. These hidden  
things may Neptune chase with threatening trident,  
on all sides upturning with the winds the murky sea-  
surge, and in his hoary waves swallowing the swarthy  
ashes !<sup>1</sup> Let my lands be called the savage sea ; be-  
ware, O sailor, of lands, whereon we have pronounced  
our curses, unholy prayers ! ”

63 If this, O Neptune, we do not pour into thy  
ears, do thou, O Battarus, consign our sorrows to the  
streams ; for to thee the springs, to thee the streams  
are ever friendly. No further ruin can I effect<sup>2</sup> ; to  
Dis all belongs of right.

“ Turn back your running waters, ye roving  
streams ; turn back, and pour them again over the

<sup>1</sup> i.e. left by the fire described above.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. by my curses.

# VIRGIL

incurrant amnes passim rimantibus undis  
nec nostros servire sinant erronibus agros." 70

Dulcius hoc, memini, revocasti, Battare, canticum:

" Emanent subito sicca tellure paludes  
et metat hic iuncos, spicas ubi legimus olim;  
cogulet arguti grylli cava garrula rana."

Tristius hoc rursum dicit mea fistula canticum: 75

" Praecipitent altis fumantes montibus imbræ,  
et late teneant diffuso gurgite campos,  
qui dominis infesta minantes stagna relinquant.  
cum delapsa meos agros pervenerit unda,  
piscetur nostris in finibus advena arator,  
advena, civili qui semper crimine crevit." 80

O male devoti praetorum crimine agelli,  
tuque inimica pii semper Discordia civis:  
exsul ego indemnatus egens mea rura reliqui,  
miles ut accipiat funesti præmia belli.  
hinc ego de tumulo mea rura novissima visam,  
hinc ibo in silvas; obstabunt iam mihi colles,  
obstabunt montes, campos audire licebit:

" Dulcia rura valete, et Lydia dulcior illis,  
et casti fontes et felix nomen agelli." 90

Tardius a miserae descendite monte capellæ:  
mollia non iterum carpetis pabula nota;  
tuque resiste pater. en prima novissima nobis,  
intueor campos: longum manet esse sine illis.

<sup>70</sup> servire *B*<sup>1</sup>: exire *ML*.      <sup>73</sup> iungos spicos *S*.

<sup>74</sup> cogulet *L*: occultet *S*: occupet *It.*

<sup>78</sup> qui *It.*: quid dominus *S*. relinquant.

<sup>79</sup> cum delapsa meos *Reitzenstein*: unde (undae) *ZMS*:  
lapsa (elapsa) meos *LM*.

<sup>80</sup> pascetur *S*.

<sup>81</sup> crimina *S*.

<sup>83</sup> pii *Ellis*: tui.

<sup>93</sup> en *It.*: et: sit *Birt*.

<sup>94</sup> esses *L*.

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opposing fields: let brooks from all sides rush in with deep-cleaving waters, nor let them suffer our lands to be enslaved to vagabonds!"

<sup>71</sup> This sweeter strain, O Battarus, I remember thou didst recall:

"Let marshes from parched ground suddenly spring forth, and, where once we gathered corn-ears, let this man reap rushes; let the croaking frog sour the chirping cricket's hollow lairs!"

<sup>75</sup> This sadder strain my pipe gives forth in turn:

"From high mountains let rains rush streaming down, and with outspread flood widely possess the plains; then with menace of evil to their lords let them leave stagnant pools! When the wave, gliding down, reaches my fields, then let the stranger ploughman fish within my bounds—the stranger, who has ever waxed rich through citizens condemned!"

<sup>82</sup> O ye fields accursed, ye that the praetors have condemned! and thou, O Discord, ever the foe of righteous citizens! I, a needy exile, though uncondemned, have left my fields, that a soldier may receive the wages of deadly war. From this mound will I look my last upon my lands; from this will I pass to the woods; soon will the hills, soon will the mountains impede my view, but the plains will be able to hear:

"Sweet lands, farewell! and thou, Lydia, farewell, sweeter than they, and ye, pure fountains, and ye fields of happy name!"

<sup>91</sup> Ah! more slowly come down from the hill, ye poor she-goats: never again shall ye browse on the soft pastures that ye know so well; and do thou, sire of the flock, stay behind! Lo, upon the plains, my first and last possession, I gaze: long must I be reft of them!

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“Rura valete iterum, tuque optima Lydia salve,<sup>95</sup>  
sive eris et si non, mecum morieris utrumque.”

Extremum carmen revocemus, Battare, avena :

“Dulcia amara prius fient et mollia dura,  
candida nigra oculi cernent et dextera laeva,  
migrabunt casus aliena in corpora rerum,<sup>100</sup>  
quam tua de nostris emigret cura medullis.  
quamvis ignis eris, quamvis aqua, semper amabo :  
gaudia semper enim tua me meminisse licebit.”

<sup>98</sup> fient *It.* : fiant.

<sup>99</sup> cernent *It.* : cernant *ML*.

<sup>102</sup> quamvis nix aderit ub (*Ellis*).

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"Once more, ye fields, farewell, and fare thee well, good Lydia; whether thou wilt live, or not, in either case thou wilt die with me!"

<sup>97</sup> Our last strain, O Battarus, let us recall on the reed!

"Sweet shall become bitter, and soft hard; eyes shall see white as black, and right as left; atoms of things shall pass into bodies of other kinds, ere regard for thee pass from my heart.<sup>1</sup> Though fire, though water thou shalt be, ever will I love thee, for ever will it be permitted to think upon thy joys!"

<sup>1</sup> By *casus rerum* he means the dissolution of things; hence the atoms of a body, which, when reunited, form objects of a different kind. This is therefore a reference to the atomic theory of the Epicureans.

## LYDIA\*

INVIDEO vobis, agri formosaque prata,  
hoc formosa magis, mea quod formosa puella  
est vobis: tacite nostrum suspirat amorem.  
vos nunc illa videt, vobis mea Lydia ludit,  
vos nunc alloquitur, vos nunc arridet ocellis  
et mea submissa meditatur carmina voce,  
cantat et interea, mihi quae cantabat in aurem.

Invideo vobis, agri, discetis amare.  
O fortunati nimium multumque beati,  
in quibus illa pedis nivei vestigia ponet  
aut roseis viridem digitis decerpserit uvam  
(dulci namque tumet nondum vitecula Baccho)  
aut inter varios, Veneris stipendia, flores  
membra reclinarit teneramque illiserit herbam,  
et secreta meos furtim narrabit amores.  
gaudebunt silvae, gaudebunt mollia prata,  
et gelidi fontes, aviumque silentia fient.  
tardabunt rivi labentes (sistite lymphae),  
dum mea iucundas exponat cura querelas.

\* quod *SL*: quo *M*.

<sup>8</sup> est vobis] in vobis *Heinsius*: ex vobis *Ellis*.

<sup>11</sup> digitis viridem *SL*.

<sup>12</sup> dulci *H*: dulcia.

<sup>13</sup> veneris *H*: venerem *Ω*. stipendia *SL*: spumantia *M*:  
diapendia or stipantia *It*.

<sup>14</sup> declinarit.

<sup>15</sup> narrabis.

<sup>16</sup> sistite ub: currite commonly read: lapsantes gurgite *Ellis*.

\* The MSS. give the *Lydia* in sequence to the *Dirae*  
without separate title. Jacobs first separated the two.  
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I ENVY you, ye fields and lovely meads, for this more lovely that my lovely girl is yours: in silence she sighs for my love. You it is she now sees, with you my Lydia plays, to you she now makes speech, on you she now smiles with those dear eyes, and cons my songs with voice subdued, and sings the while those strains she was wont to sing into my ear.

<sup>8</sup> I envy you, ye fields; ye will learn to love. O fields, too happy, yea, much blest, in which she will set her snowy footsteps, or with rosy fingers will pluck the green grape (for not yet swells the little vine with sweet juice), or amid varied flowers, tribute to Venus, she will lay down her limbs and crush the tender grass, and apart by herself will stealthily recount the tale of my love. The woods will rejoice, the soft meadows and cool springs will rejoice, and the birds will make a silence. The gliding brooks will pause (stay, ye waters!) till my heart sets forth its sweet complaints.

<sup>1</sup> This sentimental lament is independent of the *Dirae*, but came to be associated with that poem because the name "Lydia" is common to both compositions.

## VIRGIL

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Invideo vobis, agri : mea gaudia habetis,  
 et vobis nunc est mea quae fuit ante voluptas.  
 at mihi tabescunt morientia membra dolore,  
 et calor infuso decedit frigore mortis,  
 quod mea non mecum domina est. non ulla puella  
 doctior in terris fuit aut formosior ; ac si      25  
 fabula non vana est, tauro Iove digna vel auro  
 (Iuppiter avertas aurem) mea sola puella est.

30

Felix taure, pater magni gregis et decus, a te  
 vaccula non umquam secreta cubilia captans  
 frustra te patitur silvis mugire dolorem.  
 et pater haedorum felix semperque beate,      30  
 sive petis montis praeruptos, saxa pererrans,  
 sive tibi silvis nova pabula fastidire  
 sive libet campus : tecum tua laeta capella est.  
 et mas quacumque est, illi sua femina iuncta      35  
 interpellatos numquam ploravit amores.  
 cur non et nobis facilis, natura, fuisti ?  
 cur ego crudelem patior tam saepe dolorem ?

40

Sidera per viridem redeunt cum pallida mundum,  
 inque vicem Phoebi currens abit aureus orbis,  
 Luna, tuus tecum est : cur non est et mea mecum ?  
 Luna, dolor nosti quid sit : miserere dolentis.  
 Phoebe, gerens nam laurus celebravit amorem ;  
 et quae pompa deum, non silvis fama, locuta est ?  
 (omnia vos estis) secum sua gaudia gestat      45

<sup>22</sup> mihi *Aldine edition* 1517 : male (mala). tabescunt *It.* :  
 tabescant.      <sup>24</sup> ulla *H* : illa.

<sup>33</sup> silvis *L* : silvas *S* : si vis *M*.

<sup>35</sup> quacumque *Ellis* : quocumque (quicunque *It.*).

<sup>37</sup> fuisti *Salmasius* : fuisse.

<sup>40</sup> currens abit *Eskuché* : currens atque : coiens atque *Ellis*.

<sup>41</sup> tuus *b* : tui.

<sup>43</sup> nam *Ellis* : in te. celebravit *MFL* : celebrabis *Scaliger*.

<sup>44</sup> quae] qua est *Vollmer*. non *It.* : nisi *Ω*.

## LYDIA

<sup>20</sup> I envy you, ye fields ; my joys ye possess, and now ye have her, who aforetime was my delight. But my dying limbs are wasting with grief, and warmth fails me, steeped in the chill of death, because my mistress is not with me. No girl on earth was more skilled or more lovely ; and, if the tale be not false, then worthy of Jupiter as bull or as gold<sup>1</sup> (turn thine ear aside, O Jupiter !), is my girl alone.

<sup>28</sup> O happy bull, sire and pride of the mighty herd, never does the heifer, seeking stalls apart, suffer thee to low thy grief vainly to the woods. And thou, sire of the kids, happy and ever blest, whether thou, roaming o'er the rocks, seekest the steepy mountains or whether, in woods or on plains, it please thee to scorn fresh forage : with thee is thy happy mate. And wherever is a male, with him is ever joined his mate, and never has he bewailed an interrupted love. Why, O Nature, hast thou not with us too been kind ? Why so oft do I suffer cruel grief ?

<sup>39</sup> When through the green heavens the pale stars come back, and in turn the golden orb of Phoebus departs on his course, thy love,<sup>2</sup> O Moon, is with thee : why is not mine also with me ? O Moon, thou knowest what grief is : pity one who grieves. For he who bears thee,<sup>3</sup> O Phoebus, celebrates love for the laurel ; and what procession has told the story of a god, when fame has not told it in the woods ? A god (ye gods are everywhere) carries his joys<sup>4</sup> with him,

<sup>1</sup> A reference to the myths of Europa and Danaë.

<sup>2</sup> Endymion, whom Luna visited on Mount Latmos.

<sup>3</sup> i.e. thy image in procession. Daphne, fleeing from the attention of Phoebus Apollo, was changed into a laurel.

<sup>4</sup> e.g. Apollo carries with him the laurel, and Pan his pipes.

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aut insparsa videt mundo: quae dicere longum est.  
 aurea quin etiam cum saecula volvebantur  
 condicio similisque foret mortalibus illis,  
 haec quoque praetereo: notum Minoidos astrum  
 quaeque virum virgo, sicut captiva, secuta est.      50  
 laedere, caelicolae, potuit vos nostra quid aetas,  
 condicio nobis vitae quo durior esset?

Ausus ego primus castos violare pudores,  
 sacratamque meae vittam temptare puellae,  
 immatura mea cogor nece solvere fata?      55  
 istius atque utinam facti mea culpa magistra  
 prima foret: letum vita mihi dulcius esset,  
 non mea, non ullo moreretur tempore fama,  
 dulcia cum Veneris furatus gaudia primum  
 dicerer, atque ex me dulcis foret orta voluptas.      60  
 nam mihi non tantum tribuerunt invida fata,  
 auctor ut occulti noster foret error amoris.

Iuppiter ante, sui semper mendacia factus,  
 cum Iunone, prius coniunx quam dictus uterque est,  
 gaudia libavit dulcem furatus amorem,      65  
 et moechum tenera gavisa est laedere in herba  
 purpureos flores, quos insuper accumbebat,  
 Cypria, formoso supponens bracchia collo.  
 tum, credo, fuerat Mavors distentus in armis,  
 nam certe Volcanus opus faciebat, et ille      70  
 tristi turpabat malam ac fuligine barbam.

<sup>48</sup> foret] fuit Ribbeck.

<sup>53</sup> egon It.

<sup>54</sup> vittam *Ascensius* 1507: vitam.

<sup>55</sup> mea *Haupt*: me or meae. fata *MFL*: facta *S.*

<sup>56</sup> facti *ML*: fati *F*: facta *S.*      <sup>68</sup> ullo] nullo.

<sup>61</sup> invida fata *Heinsius*: impia vota.      <sup>63</sup> sui] cui *Curcio*.

<sup>66</sup> moechum *Baehrens*: tecum (mea cum).

<sup>67</sup> occupebat *F*.      <sup>68</sup> bracchia *It.*: gaudia *n.*

<sup>70</sup> ille *Petry* (*Curcio*): illi.

<sup>71</sup> malam ac *Vollmer*: mala (without ac).

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or sees them scattered through the world—to tell these would be a tedious task. Nay more, when the golden ages rolled their course, and mortals of those days were under like conditions—this also I pass over: well we know the star of Minos' daughter, and the maiden who, as captive, followed her lord.<sup>1</sup> Wherein, O denizens of heaven, could our age have injured you, that therefore life's conditions should be harder for us?

<sup>53</sup> Was I the first who dared to sully the chaste purity and assail the hallowed fillet<sup>2</sup> of his love, that by my death I am forced to pay the due of an untimely Fate? And O that my fault were the first prompter of that deed! Then were death sweeter to me than life. No, not mine the fame that at any time would die, for 'twould be said that I first had stolen Love's sweet joys, and from me had sprung that sweet pleasure. Nay, the envious fates have not granted me a boon so great, that our misdeed should be the beginning of secret love.

<sup>63</sup> Of yore Jupiter, who could at all times counterfeit false forms of himself, along with Juno, ere either was called a spouse, tasted the stolen joys of sweet love. The Cyprian, too, rejoiced that on the tender grass her lover<sup>3</sup> crushed the brilliant flowers whereon she lay, as she threw her arms about his lovely neck. At that time Mars, methinks, had been detained in warfare, for as to Vulcan, he too, surely, was busy at work, and with unsightly soot was defiling cheek and

<sup>1</sup> Ariadne, daughter of Minos, fled from Crete with Theseus, who abandoned her in Naxos. Dionysus, who found her there, raised her to the stars.

<sup>2</sup> i.e. the ribbon worn by free-born women, whether maidens or married.

<sup>3</sup> Adonis.

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non Aurora novos etiam ploravit amores,  
atque rubens oculos roseo celavit amictu?  
talia caelicolae. numquid minus aurea proles?  
ergo quod deus atque heros, cur non minor aetas? 75

Infelix ego, non illo qui tempore natus,  
quo facilis natura fuit. sors o mea laeva  
nascendi, miserumque genus, quo sera libido est.  
tantam Fata meae carnis fecere rapinam,  
ut maneam, quod vix oculis cognoscere possis. 80

<sup>73</sup> rubeo. <sup>74</sup> proles *Vonck*: promo.

<sup>78</sup> quo] quoi *Naeke*.

<sup>79</sup> tantam fata meae *Heinsius*: tantum vita meae (tanta  
meae vitae). carnis *Baehrens*: cordis : cortis *Ellis*. rapinam]  
ruinam *Heinsius*.

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beard. Has not Aurora, too, bewailed new loves,<sup>1</sup> and blushingly hidden her eyes in her roseate mantle? Thus have the denizens of heaven done: and the golden age, did it do less? Therefore what gods and heroes have done, why should not a later age do?

<sup>76</sup> Unhappy I, who was not born in those days when Nature was kind! O my luckless birth-lot, and O the wretched race, in which desire is laggard! Such havoc have the Fates made of my life, that what remains of me your eyes could scarcely recognize.

<sup>1</sup> Her old love was for Tithonus; her new one was for Orion, who was killed by Diana's arrows.

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### I

VERE rosa, autumno pomis, aestate frequentor  
spicis : una mihi est horrida pestis hiemps.  
nam frigus metuo, et vereor ne ligneus ignem  
hic deus ignaris praebeat agricolis.

### II

Ego haec, ego arte fabricata rustica,  
ego arida, o viator, ecce populus  
agellulum hunc, sinistra et ante quem vides,  
erique villulam hortulumque pauperis  
tuor malaque furis arceo manu. 5

Mihi corolla picta vere ponitur  
mihi rubens arista sole fervido,  
mihi virente dulcis uva pampino,  
mihi gelata duro oliva frigore.

I. <sup>1</sup> autumno pomis MSS. : pomis autumno Lachmann.

<sup>4</sup> ignavis Voss, accepted by Ribbeck, Buehrens, Vollmer.

II. <sup>2</sup> o It. : omitted Ω.

<sup>3</sup> agellulum *u* : agellum Ω. sinistra et ante Hand : sinistre tante (stantem) BZ. <sup>5</sup> tuor It. Wagner : tueor Ω.

<sup>6</sup> So Birt : mihi glauca olivo (oliva) duro cocta frigo (frigore cocta) MSS. : nihiique glauca (or duro) oliva cocta frigore Wagner : mihi caduca oliva, cocta frigore Ellis : mihi recocta glauca oliva frigore Bücheler.

\* The principal MSS. cited are *B* and *Z*, for which see note at the opening of the *Ciris*. *Z* embraces *H*, *A*, and *R*.

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### I

IN spring I am covered with roses, in autumn with fruits, in summer with ears of corn: winter alone is to me a horrid plague. For the cold I dread, and am afraid that your god of wood may furnish fuel to heedless husbandmen.<sup>1</sup>

### II<sup>2</sup>

Lo! 'tis I, O wayfarer, I, wrought with rustic skill, I, this dry poplar, that guard this little field thou seest in front and to the left, with the poor owner's cottage and small garden, and that shield them from the wicked hand of thieves.

<sup>6</sup> On me in spring is placed a garland gay; on me, in the scorching sun, the ruddy corn; on me the luscious grapes with tendrils green; on me the olive, when chilled by winter's cold.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The first three poems are *Priapea*, i.e. verses in honour of the god Priapus. The opening one, in elegiac couplets, is composed as if to be set up as an inscription on a wooden image of the god. In all three Priapus is himself the speaker (*hic deus*, like *hic homo = ego*).

<sup>2</sup> The verse of the original is the pure iambic trimeter.

<sup>3</sup> Olives were picked during a frost.

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For other MSS. see Ellis. The title *Priapea* does not occur in the MSS., and in Z the title *Catalepton* is put at the head of the *Priapea*.

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Meis capella delicata pascuis  
in urbem adulta lacte portat ubera,  
meisque pinguis agnus ex ovilibus  
gravem domum remittit aere dexteram,  
teneraque matre mugiente vaccula  
deum profundit ante templa sanguinem.

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Proin, viator, hunc deum vereberis  
manumque sursum habebis: hoc tibi expedit,  
parata namque crux stat ecce mentula.  
“velim pol,” inquis. at pol ecce vilicus  
venit, valente cui revolsa bracchio  
fit ista mentula apta clava dexteræ.

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## III

HUNC ego, o iuvenes, locum villulamque palustrem,  
tectam vimine iunceo caricisque maniplis,  
quercus arida rustica formitata securi,  
nutrior; magis et magis fit beata quotannis.  
huius nam domini colunt me deumque salutant  
pauperis tuguri pater filiusque adulescens,  
alter assidua colens diligentia, ut herbae,  
aspera ut rubus a meo sit remota sacello,  
alter parva manu ferens semper munera larga.  
flrido mihi ponitur picta vere corolla,  
primitus tenera virens spica mollis arista,

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II. <sup>14</sup> teneraque . . . vacula Ω: tenella *d'Orville*: tenerque  
. . . buculus *Wagner*. <sup>21</sup> fuit *Z.*

III. <sup>1</sup> o added by *Lachmann*.

<sup>3</sup> formitata *BH*: formicata *M*: formidata *Med.*: formata  
*Aru*: fomitata *I. Voss*, and read by *Vollmer*: fabricata  
*Ribbeck* (*after Schrader*).

<sup>4</sup> nutrior *BH* (*cf. Georg. II. 425*): nunc tuor *Scaliger*: en  
tuor *Ribbeck*. fit *Baehrens*: ut Ω. magis ut magis sit *Ellis*.

<sup>5</sup> me deumque *Aldine edition* 1517: mediumque Ω.

<sup>7</sup> colens] cavens *L. Müller*.

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<sup>10</sup> From my pastures the dainty she-goat bears to town her udders swelled with milk ; from my folds comes the fatted lamb to send home again the money-laden hand ;<sup>1</sup> and the tender calf, amid her mother's lowing, pours forth her blood before the temples of the gods.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, O wayfarer, thou shalt fear this god, and hold thy hand high : this is worth thy while, for lo ! there stands ready thy cross, the phallus.<sup>2</sup> "By Pollux ! I'd like to,"<sup>3</sup> thou sayest. Nay, by Pollux, here comes the bailiff, whose stout arm, plucking away that phallus, finds in it a cudgel, well fitted to his right hand.

### III<sup>4</sup>

O YOUTHS, this place and cottage in the marsh, thatched with osier shoots and handfuls of sedge, I support, I, a dried oak chipt into shape by farmer's axe ; year by year, more and more rich it grows. For the owners of this poor hut, a father and youthful son, honour and greet me as a god ; the one so honouring me with constant care that weeds and rough brambles are taken from my shrine ; the other with lavish hand ever bringing humble gifts.

<sup>10</sup> On me in flowery spring is placed a garland gay ; on me the soft ear of corn, when first 'tis green on

<sup>1</sup> cf. *Eclogues*, I. 35.

<sup>2</sup> The wayfarer can thus show that he is not stealing. Slaves guilty of theft could be crucified, but for the cross Priapus substitutes his own weapon, viz. the club projecting from his groin.

<sup>3</sup> i.e. to steal.

<sup>4</sup> The metre of the original is the so-called *Priapean*, a combination of the *Glyconic* and the *Pherecratean* (see any Latin Grammar).

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luteae violae mihi lacteumque papaver,  
pallentesque cucurbitae et suave olientia mala,  
uva pampinea rubens educata sub umbra.  
sanguine haec etiam mihi—sed tacebitis—arma 15  
barbatus linit hirculus cornipesque capella.  
pro quis omnia honoribus nunc necesse Priapo est  
praestare, et domini hortulum vineamque tueri.  
quare hinc, o pueri, malas abstinet rapinas.  
vicinus prope dives est neglegensque Priapus. 20  
inde sumite : semita haec deinde vos feret ipsa.

<sup>14</sup> pampinea] *Garrod proposes faginea or populea.*

<sup>15</sup> sanguine haec . . . arma *Voss:* sanguine hanc . . . aram *Muretus:* sanguinea . . . arma  $\Omega$ .

<sup>17</sup> omnia  $\Omega$  (omnibus *M*) : munera *Riese:* munia *Maehly:* mutua *Baehrens.* nunc *Buecheler:* huic *Ribbeck:* hoc  $\Omega$  : haec

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the tender stalk, with yellow violets and milky poppy,  
pale melons and sweet-smelling apples, and blushing  
grape-clusters, reared beneath the vine-leaves' shade.  
These weapons, too, of mine—but you will be silent!  
—a little bearded goat and his horn-footed sister  
besmear with blood. For these offerings Priapus  
must now make full return, and guard the owner's  
vineyard and little garden.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, away! boys, refrain from wicked  
plundering. Near by is a wealthy neighbour, and  
his Priapus is careless. Take from him; this path  
of itself will lead you from the place.

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*It. Priapo est B: Priape (est omitted) Z. Garrod would read  
the line thus: pro quis, quicquid honoris est, hoc necesse Priapo.*

<sup>20</sup> Priapi *Heinsius.*

<sup>21</sup> semita *It. : semitam Ω.*

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## I

DE qua saepe tibi venit ; sed, Tucca, videre  
non licet : oculitur limine clausa viri.  
de qua saepe tibi, non venit adhuc mihi ; namque  
si oculitur, longe est, tangere quod nequeas.  
venerit, audivi. sed iam mihi nuntius iste  
quid prodest ? illi dicite, cui rediit. 5

## II

CORINTHIORUM amator iste verborum,  
iste iste rhetor, namque quatenus totus

I. <sup>1</sup> De qua] Delia Scaliger. <sup>2</sup> de qua] Delia Scaliger.

<sup>6</sup> dicite MSS. : dicitio Scaliger. cui Heyne : qui B : qu(a)e other MSS.

II. <sup>2</sup> Not included in the citation by Quintilian, VIII. iii., 28, and rejected by Ribbeck and Baehrens.

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\* See note at the opening of the *Priapea*. In B the title *Catalepton* is nowhere given.

On this title, see vol. i. p. vii. The metres of the *Catalepton* are varied. The elegiac couplet prevails, being used in I, III, IV, VII, VIII, IX, XI, XIII, XIV, and XV; but the rest of the poems are composed in some form of iambic measure. Thus the pure iambic trimeter is used in VI, X, and XII, the choliambus (or scazon) in II and V, and the iambic strophe (consisting of a trimeter coupled with a dimeter) in XIII.

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<sup>1</sup> This epigram has provoked much discussion. Before Birt, commentators adopted Scaliger's conjecture *Delia* in lines 1 and 3, and regarded the poem as a dialogue between Tucca and the poet, who are rivals for the love of Delia. But Birt revives the *de qua* of MSS., and explains the epi-

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### I<sup>1</sup>

SHE, of whom I have often told you, has come ;  
but, Tucca, one may not see her. She's kept in  
hiding, barred within her husband's threshold. She,  
of whom I have often told you, has not yet come to  
me, for if she's kept in hiding, what one can't touch  
is far away. Suppose she has come ; I have heard  
it. But now what good is that news to me ? Tell it  
to him, for whom she has come back.

### II<sup>2</sup>

It's Corinthian words the fellow adores, that sorry  
rhetorician ! For, perfect Thucydides that he is, he

gram as a piece of conversation or fragment of a letter, all of  
it the utterance of the poet. The verb of saying is omitted  
in lines 1 and 3, as often in the epistolary style. The lady  
referred to is not named. In the last two lines the poet  
turns away from Tucca to address those who have brought  
him news of the lady's return. This, he implies, is a matter  
of perfect indifference to him.

<sup>2</sup>This epigram is discussed by the translator in the *Transactions of the American Philological Association*, vol. xlvi., 1916, pp. 43 ff. The person assailed is T. Annius Cimber, a rhetorician who is said to have murdered his brother. In his rhetoric he was an Atticist, following Thucydides, who in his History has given so vivid a description of the Attic plague (ii. 47-54). The writer uses *verba* in a double sense, "words" and "spells," and *Corinthiorum* implies "archaic" or "obsolete," involving an allusion to old bronzes as well as to Medea's poisons. In *Gallicum* there is an implied reference to the name *Cimber*, and *tau* suggests some peculiarity of pronunciation. Cimber, who wrote in Greek, evidently used the Ionic *μιν* and the tragic *σφίν*. As, then, for his pupils he mingled these uncouth sounds, so for his brother he concocted deadly spells.

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Thucydides, tyrannus Atticae febris :  
tau Gallicum, min et sphin ut male illisit,  
ita omnia ista verba miscuit fratri.

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### III

ASPICE, quem valido subnixum Gloria regno  
altius et caeli sedibus extulerat :  
terrarum hic bello magnum concusserat orbem,  
hic reges Asiae fregerat, hic populos ;  
hic grave servitium tibi iam, tibi, Roma, ferebat      5  
(cetera namque viri cuspide conciderant) :  
cum subito in medio rerum certamine praeceps  
corruit, e patria pulsus in exilium.  
tale deae numen, tali mortalia nutu  
fallax momento temporis hora dedit.

10

### IV

QUOCUMQUE ire ferunt variae nos tempora vitae,  
tangere quas terras quosque videre homines,  
dispeream, si te fuerit mihi carior alter.  
alter enim quis te dulcior esse potest,

II. <sup>3</sup> tyrannus] bri(t)tan(n)us *MSS. of Quintilian.*

<sup>4</sup> min et spin et *Baehrens*: enim et spin(e) et *MSS. of Quintilian* : mi et psin et *B*: min et psin et *H*. illi sit *R* : et "male illi sit" *Ellis*.

<sup>5</sup> ita or ista *MSS.* : ita *MSS. of Quintilian.*

III. <sup>5</sup> tibi (*second*) omitted *B*, hence Romane (*Bücheler*).

<sup>9</sup> nutu  $\Omega$  : ritu *Haupt* : motu *Baehrens*.

<sup>10</sup> dedit  $\Omega$  : adedit *Sabbadini* : ferit *Baehrens* : premit *Ruhnken* : terit *Ellis*.

IV. <sup>4</sup> quis u : qui other *MSS.*

<sup>1</sup> It is generally supposed that the portrait upon which this poem is based was one of Alexander the Great. But line 8 makes this interpretation improbable, for though

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is lord of the Attic fever; as his Gallic *tau*, his *min* and *sphin* he wickedly pounded up, so of all such word-spells he mixed a dose for his brother!

### III<sup>1</sup>

BEHOLD one, whom, upborne on mighty sovereignty, Glory had highly exalted, even above the abodes of heaven! Earth's wide bounds had he shaken in war; Asia's kings, Asia's nations had he crushed;<sup>2</sup> now to thee, even to thee, O Rome (for all else had fallen before his spear), was he bringing grievous slavery, when lo! of a sudden, in the midst of his struggle for empire, headlong he fell, driven from fatherland into exile. Such is the goddess' will;<sup>3</sup> at such behest, in a moment of time, does the faithless hour deal out the doom of mortals.

### IV<sup>4</sup>

WHITHERSOEVER the chances of our changing lives lead us to go, what lands soever to visit and what people to see, may I perish if any other shall be dearer to me than thou! For what other can be

Alexander died in Babylon and was buried in Egypt, no poet could have regarded him as *e patria pulsus in exilium*. Baehrens and Nettleship hold that the monarch in view was Phraates, king of Parthia, whom his subjects drove from his throne in 32 B.C. Pompey the Great and Mithridates have had their advocates, but all conditions are best satisfied by Marcus Antonius, who enjoyed with Cleopatra the homage of eastern peoples, and was a real menace to Italy and Rome. (So De Witt, in the *American Journal of Philology*, vol. xxxiii., 1912, pp. 321 ff.)

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Aen.* VIII. 685 ff.

<sup>3</sup> The goddess is Fortune or Nemesis.

<sup>4</sup> Addressed to the poet Octavius Musa, a friend of Horace as well as of Virgil. (cf. Horace, *Satires*, I. x. 82.)

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cui iuveni ante alios divi divumque sorores  
 cuncta, neque indigno, Musa, dedere bona,  
 cuncta, quibus gaudet Phoebi chorus ipseque Phoebus:  
 doctior o quis te, Musa, fuisse potest?  
 o quis te in terris loquitur iucundior uno?  
 Clio tam certe candida non loquitur.  
 quare illud satis est, si te permittis amari;  
 nam contra, ut sit amor mutuus, unde mihi? 10

## V

ITE hinc, inanes, ite, rhetorum ampullae,  
 inflata rhoſo non Achaico verba,  
 et vos, Selique Tarquitique Varroque,  
 scolasticorum natio madens pingui,  
 ite hinc, inane cymbalon iuuentutis.  
 tuque, o mearum cura, Sexte, curarum  
 vale, Sabine; iam valete, formosi.  
 nos ad beatos vela mittimus portus,  
 magni petentes docta dicta Sironis,  
 vitamque ab omni vindicabimus cura.  
 ite hinc, Camenae, vos quoque ite iam sane,  
 dulces Camenae (nam fatebimur verum,  
 dulces fuistis); et tamen meas chartas  
 revisitote, sed pudenter et raro. 10

IV. <sup>5</sup> iuveni *B*: cum venit *Z*.

<sup>6</sup> Musa *Aldine edition* 1517: multa Ω.

<sup>10</sup> certe Ω: per te *Baehrens*: graece *Birt*.

V. <sup>3</sup> rhoſo *B*: roſo *HMu*: rōre *Aldine edition* 1517: et  
 ore *Curcio*: rhythmo *Birt*. The form rhoſo is dubious, but  
 probably represents δρόσῳ, as if (d)hroſo. See note in *Ellis*.

<sup>5</sup> inane *Heinsius*: inani *BHMU*: inanis *Aldine edition* 1517.

<sup>10</sup> vindicabimus *Aldine editions*: vindicavimus *ZM*: vin-  
 dicamus *B, Med.*

<sup>11</sup> ite iam sane *Haupt*: iam ite sane (lamite seve or sene)  
*BZM, Med.*: ite salvete *Ellis*. <sup>12</sup> fatebitur *B*.

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sweeter than thou, upon whom in thy youth, O Musa,  
beyond others—and not unworthily—the gods and  
sisters of the gods<sup>1</sup> have bestowed all blessings, all  
wherein the choir of Phoebus and Phoebus himself  
rejoice? O who can have been more skilled than  
thou, O Musa? O who in all the world speaks with  
more charm than thou—thou alone? Clio surely  
speaks not so clearly. Therefore 'tis enough if thou  
permittest thyself to be loved; for otherwise how  
may I cause that love to be returned?

### V 2

GET ye hence! away, ye empty paint-pots<sup>3</sup> of rhetoricians, ye words inflated, but not with Attic dew! And ye, Selius and Tarquitius and Varro, a tribe of pedants soaking in fat, get ye hence, ye empty cymbals of our youth! And thou, O Sextus Sabinus, my chiefest care, farewell! Now fare ye well, ye goodly youths!

<sup>2</sup> We are spreading our sails for blissful havens, in quest of great Siro's wise words, and from all care will redeem our life. Get ye hence, ye Muses! yea, away now even with you, ye sweet Muses! For the truth we must avow—ye have been sweet. And yet, come ye back to my pages, though with modesty and but seldom!

<sup>1</sup> i.e. gods and goddesses. Birt, however, regards the *divum sorores* as the Fates, the *Parcae*.

<sup>2</sup> Written when Virgil was giving up his early rhetorical studies, and preparing to take up philosophy under Siro, the Epicurean. For details, see Nettleship in *Ancient Lives of Virgil*, p. 37.

<sup>3</sup> Horace also uses the word *ampullae* and the verb *ampullor* of bombastic language; cf. *λήκυθος* and *ληκυθίζειν* in Greek. The *ampullae* are properly “paint-pots” (see Wickham's note on Hor. *Epist.* I. iii. 14).

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### VI

SOCER, beate nec tibi nec alteri,  
generque Noctuine, putidum caput,  
tuoque nunc puella talis et tuo  
stupore pressa rus abibit et mihi,  
ut ille versus usquequaque pertinet :  
“gener socerque, perdidistis omnia.”

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### VII

SCILICET hoc sine fraude, Vari dulcissime, dicam :  
dispeream, nisi me perdidit iste πόθος.  
sin autem paecepta vetant me dicere, sane  
non dicam, sed me perdidit iste puer.

### VIII

VILLULA, quae Sironis eras, et pauper agelle,  
verum illi domino tu quoque divitiae,  
me tibi et hos una mecum, quos semper amavi,  
si quid de patria tristius audiero,  
commendo, in primisque patrem. tu nunc eris illi, 5  
Mantua quod fuerat quodque Cremona prius.

VI. <sup>3</sup> tuone *Scaliger*: tuoque Ω.

<sup>4</sup> abibit et *B* : habitet *ZM*, *Med.* : abibit ? hei *Scaliger*.

<sup>5</sup> cf. Catullus, XXIX. 24, socer generque, p. o.

VII. <sup>2</sup> πόθος *Spiro* : pothus (potus) Ω : putus *Scaliger*.

<sup>3</sup> autem] artis *Heyne*.

VIII. <sup>5</sup> in primisque *Aldine edition* 1517 : primisque Ω.

<sup>1</sup> To be taken as complementary to XII. In the latter epigram the father-in-law is called Atilius, a name which,

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### VI<sup>1</sup>

O FATHER-IN-LAW, whose riches benefit neither thyself nor thy neighbour, and thou, O son-in-law Noctuinus, thou addle-pate, now a girl so rare, assailed in thy drunken stupor, and in thine, will pass to the country,<sup>2</sup> and for me (how that verse everywhere applies!): “Son-in-law and father-in-law, ye have ruined all.”<sup>3</sup>

### VII

SURELY, my dearest Varius, in all honesty I'll say this: “Hang me, if that *amour* has not ruined me!” But if the rules forbid me so to speak,<sup>4</sup> of course I'll not say that, but—“that lad has ruined me!”

### VIII<sup>5</sup>

O LITTLE villa, that once wast Siro's, and thou, poor tiny farm—yet to such an owner even thou wert wealth—to thee, if aught more sad I hear about our home-land, I entrust myself, and, along with me, those whom I have ever loved, my father first and foremost. Thou shalt now be to him what Mantua and what Cremona had been aforetime.

like Noctuinus, is probably fictitious. Professor De Witt's plausible theory is that Noctuinus is Antony, while the other is his uncle and father-in-law, C. Antonius (*American Journal of Philology*, vol. xxxiii., 1912, p. 319).

<sup>2</sup> The family is reduced to poverty through extravagance.

<sup>3</sup> In Catullus this verse applies to Caesar and Pompey.

<sup>4</sup> An intermixture of Greek words in Latin composition was not approved of by the best teachers.

<sup>5</sup> See the “Life of Virgil” in vol. i. pp. vii. and viii. The incidents referred to belong to the year 41 B.C.

## IX

**P**AUCA mihi, niveo sed non incognita Phoebo,  
 pauca mihi doctae dicite Pegasides.  
 victor adest, magni magnum decus ecce triumphi,  
 victor, qua terrae quaque patent maria,  
 horrida barbaricae portans insignia pugnae,  
 magnus ut Oenides utque superbus Eryx ; 5  
 nec minus idcirco vestros expromere cantus  
 maximus et sanctos dignus inire choros.  
 hoc itaque insuetis iactor magis, optime, curis,  
 quid de te possim scribere quidve tibi. 10  
 namque (fatebor enim) quae maxima deterrendi  
 debuit, hortandi maxima causa fuit.  
 pauca tua in nostras venerunt carmina chartas,  
 carmina cum lingua, tum sale Cecropio,  
 carmina, quae Phrygium, saeclis accepta futuris, 15  
 carmina, quae Pylium vincere digna senem.  
 molliter hic viridi patulae sub tegmine quercus  
 Moeris pastores et Meliboeus erant,  
 dulcia iactantes alterno carmina versu,  
 qualia Trinacriae doctus amat iuvenis. 20  
 certatimi ornabant omnes heroida divi,  
 certatim divae munere quoque suo.

<sup>3</sup> victoria est *ZMu.*

<sup>15</sup> Phrygium *Heinsius*: precū *B<sup>2</sup>*: pilium *AR*: whole line omitted *B<sup>1</sup>HM.*

<sup>21</sup> divi *Dousa* : dive Ω.

<sup>1</sup> An encomium addressed to one of the Messallae, probably M. Valerius Messalla Corvinus (64 B.C.-8 A.D.), patron and friend of Tibullus, who triumphed over Aquitania in 27 B.C.

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### IX<sup>1</sup>

SOME few thoughts, few but not unknown to shining  
Phoebus, impart to me, ye learned Muses !

<sup>3</sup> A conqueror comes—lo ! the mighty glory of a mighty triumph—conqueror he, where'er lands and where'er seas are outspread, bearing grim tokens of barbaric strife, like unto Oeneus' mighty son,<sup>2</sup> or unto proud Eryx ; nor less on that account most mighty in drawing forth your songs and worthy to enter your holy choirs. Therefore, noblest of men, the more am I fretted with unwonted cares, wondering what about thee or what for thee I have power to pen. For that which—yea, I will avow it—ought to have been chief reason for holding me back, has been chief reason for urging me along.

<sup>13</sup> Some few of thy songs have found place in my pages<sup>3</sup>—songs of Attic speech as well as Attic wit—songs that, welcomed by ages yet to be, are worthy to outlive the aged Phrygian,<sup>4</sup> worthy to outlive the aged man of Pylos.<sup>5</sup> Herein, under a spreading oak's green covert, were the shepherds Moeris and Meliboeus at their ease, throwing off in alternate verse sweet songs such as the learned youth<sup>6</sup> of Sicily loves. Emulously all the gods graced the heroine ;<sup>7</sup> emulously the goddesses graced her with their several gifts.

<sup>2</sup> Meleager ; or possibly Diomedes, son of Tydeus and grandson of Oeneus.

<sup>3</sup> The author of this poem has turned some Greek verses of Messalla's into Latin.      <sup>4</sup> Priam.

<sup>5</sup> Nestor, who in the Homeric narrative is living in the third generation of men.      <sup>6</sup> Theocritus.

<sup>7</sup> Probably Sulpicia, daughter of the orator Servius Sulpicius.

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felicem ante alias o te scriptore puellam  
     altera non fama dixerit esse prior :  
 non illa, Hesperidum ni munere capta fuisse,      25  
     quae volucrem cursu vicerat Hippomenen ;  
 candida cycneo non edita Tyndaris ovo,  
     non supero fulgens Cassiopea polo,  
 non defensa diu multum certamine equorum,  
     optabant gravidae quam sibi quaeque manus,      30  
     saepe animam generi pro qua pater impius hausit,  
     saepe rubro similis sanguine fluxit humus ;  
 regia non Semele, non Inachis Acrisione,  
     immitti expertae fulmine et imbre Iovem ;  
 non cuius ob raptum pulsi liquere Penatis      35  
     Tarquinii patrios, filius atque pater,  
     illo quo primum dominatus Roma superbos  
         mutavit placidis tempore consulibus.  
 multa neque immeritis donavit praemia alumnis,  
     praemia Messallis maxima Publicolis.      40  
 nam quid ego immensi memorem studia ista laboris?  
     horrida quid durae tempora militiae ?  
 castra foro, te castra urbi paeponere, castra  
     tam procul hoc gnato, tam procul hac patria ?  
 immoderata pati iam frigora, iamque calores ?      45  
     sternere vel dura posse super silice ?

<sup>29</sup> multum Ω : et multum *Sabbadini* : volucerum *Aldine edition* 1534 : mulier *Ellis*.

<sup>30</sup> obtabant *B* : obstabat *Vollmer*. gravid(a)e Ω : *Graiae Aldine edition* 1534. quam *edition* 1473 : quid *B* : quod other *MSS.* manus] nurum *Tollius*.

<sup>31</sup> similis Ω : *Eleis most editions* : pinguis *Buehrens* : sitiens *Birt*.

<sup>32</sup> in miti *B* : in(m)mitti *HM*. expertae *Scaliger* : expectat *B* : expectant *Z*.

<sup>43</sup> castra foro castra *B* : te added by *Buehler* : foro solitos *Z* : foro rostris *Birt*.

<sup>44</sup> hoc . . . hac] ac . . . ac *MH* : haec . . . haec *Ellis*.

<sup>45</sup> frigora *Aldine edition* 1517 : sidera Ω.

<sup>46</sup> stertere *Aldine edition* 1534.

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<sup>23</sup> O maiden happy beyond others with thee for her herald! None other may claim to excel her in fame: not she<sup>1</sup> who, had she not been tricked by the Hesperides' gift, had outrun in the race fleet Hippomenes; not the fair daughter of Tyndareus, born of the swan's egg;<sup>2</sup> not Cassiopea, gleaming in the heavens above; not she,<sup>3</sup> close-guarded long by the contest of steeds, whom each gift-laden hand craved for its own, for whom her wicked father oft drained the life of him who fain would be his son, and oft the ground, of like hue, flowed with red blood; not queenly Semele, not the Inachian daughter of Acrisius,<sup>4</sup> who knew Jove in the pitiless lightning and in the shower; not she,<sup>5</sup> for whose ravishing the Tarquins, son and sire, were driven forth, leaving their fathers' gods, what time Rome first changed proud tyranny for peaceful consuls.

<sup>39</sup> Many, and not unearned, are the rewards Rome has bestowed upon her sons, chiefest the rewards bestowed upon the Messallae Publicolae. For why should I recount thy tasks of toil immeasurable? Why the stern seasons of rugged warfare? How thou dost set the camp before the forum, the camp before the city—the camp that is so far away from this thy son, so far from this thy home? How thou endurest now extremest cold, and now extremest heat, and canst lay thyself down on even flinty rock? How oft,

<sup>1</sup> Atalanta.

<sup>2</sup> Helen.

<sup>3</sup> Hippodamia, daughter of Oenomaus.

<sup>4</sup> Danae, daughter of Acrisius of Argos, called *Inachis* because Inachus was the founder of Argos.

<sup>5</sup> Lucretia.

## VIRGIL

saepe trucem adverso perlabi sidere pontum ?  
 saepe mare audendo vincere, saepe hiemem ?  
 saepe etiam densos immittere corpus in hostes,  
 communem belli non meminisse deum ?  
 nunc celeres Afros, periurae milia gentis,  
 aurea nunc rapidi flumina adire Tagi ?  
 nunc aliam ex alia bellando quaerere gentem  
 vincere et Oceani finibus ulterius ?  
 non nostrum est tantas, non, inquam, attingere laudes,  
 quin ausim hoc etiam dicere, vix hominum est. 56  
 ipsa haec, ipsa ferent rerum monumenta per orbem,  
 ipsa sibi egregium facta decus parient.  
 nos ea, quae tecum finixerunt carmina divi,  
 Cynthius et Musae, Bacchus et Aglaie,  
 si laudem adspirare humilis, si adire Cyrenas,  
 si patrio Graios carmine adire sales  
 possumus, optatis plus iam procedimus ipsis.  
 hoc satis est ; pingui nil mihi cum populo. 60

## X

SABINUS ille, quem videtis, hospites,  
ait fuisse mulio celerrimus

- IX. <sup>47</sup> perlabi *Aldine edition* 1517 : perlabens Ω.  
<sup>50</sup> non Ω : nec *Aldine edition* 1517. timuisse A.  
<sup>60</sup> Musae A : Musa *BMH*, retained by Birt.  
<sup>61</sup> laude *Baehrens*. aspirarem *MH*. si (adire) B : sed  
*MHA* : et *Voss.* <sup>62</sup> si B : sic *Zu*, *Med.*  
 X. <sup>1</sup> Albinus R. quem] quidem B.  
<sup>2</sup> multo Ω : mulio *Aldine edition* 1517.

<sup>1</sup> The home of Callimachus, the elegiac poet. Ellis takes *humilis* with *Cyrenas*, "Cyrene's unexalted style."

<sup>2</sup> This is a clever parody on the fourth poem of Catullus. Sabinus has been identified with the Sabinus of Cicero (*ad 498*

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Under unkindly stars, thou glidest o'er the savage sleep? How oft in thy daring thou conquerest the sea, and oft the storm? And how oft thou flingest thyself upon the serried foe, heedless of the common god of war? How thou makest thy way, now to the nimble Africans, the swarms of a perjured race, now to the golden waters of swift Tagus? How in warfare thou seekest nation after nation, and conquerest even beyond Ocean's bounds?

55 'Tis not, not, I say, for us to attain to such glories; nay I should dare even this to say, 'tis scarce a task for mortal man. Even of themselves shall these exploits carry their records through the world; of themselves shall beget their own peerless renown. As for me, touching those songs which the gods have fashioned in concert with thee, even the Cynthian and the Muses, Bacchus and Aglaia, if, lowly as I am, I can breathe their praise, if I can approach Cyrene,<sup>1</sup> can approach the wit of Greece with a song of Rome, henceforth I advance even beyond my hopes. This is enough: naught have I to do with the stupid rabble.

### X\*

SABINUS yonder, whom you see, my friends, says he was once the fastest of muleteers, and never was

*Fam.* xv. 20) and with Ventidius Bassus of Aulus Gellius, xv. 4, who rose from humble life to the offices of praetor and consul. But it is most probable that the man referred to was a purely local celebrity, who, at the end of his active life, set up a votive offering to Castor and Pollux for having saved him from the perils of his calling. The offering took the form of a statuette or painting of himself, seated in a curule chair, the artist having perhaps taken as his model some dignified official of note, who had quite properly been so represented. (So Professor Elmer T. Merrill in *Classical Philology*, 1913.)

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neque ullius volantis impetum cisi  
nequissse praeter ire, sive Mantuam  
opus foret volare sive Brixiam. 5  
et hoc negat Tryphonis aemuli domum  
negare nobilem insulamve Caeruli,  
ubi iste post Sabinus ante Quinctio  
bidente dicit attodisse forfice  
comata colla, ne Cytorio iugo 10  
premente dura volnus ederet iuba.  
Cremona frigida et lutosa Gallia,  
tibi haec fuisse et esse cognitissima  
ait Sabinus : ultima ex origine  
tua stetisse dicit in voragine, 15  
tua in palude deposisse sarcinas,  
et inde tot per orbitosa milia  
iugum tulisse, laeva sive dextera  
strigare mula sive utrumque cooperat

. . . . .  
neque ulla vota semitalibus deis  
sibi esse facta, praeter hoc novissimum,  
paterna lora proximumque pectinem.  
sed haec prius fuere : nunc eburnea  
sedetque sede seque dedicat tibi, 25  
gemelle Castor et gemelle Castoris.

<sup>3</sup> ullius *Aldine edition* 1517 : illius *B.*

<sup>6</sup> et *Scaliger* : neque  $\Omega$ .

<sup>7</sup> -ne *A.*

<sup>9</sup> dicet *AR.* forfice *Heyne* : forcipe *BH* : forpice *AR.*

<sup>10</sup> ne quid orion *B* : ne quis torion *Z* : ne Cytorio *Maehtly*.

<sup>15</sup> dicit] ultima  $\Omega$ .

<sup>16</sup> deposisse *Scaliger* : de(o)posuisse  $\Omega$ .

<sup>17</sup> After this line *Birt* inserts the following conjectural verse:  
iter parasse mulio, neque ipse non.

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there any gig that raced along whose speed he was unable to pass, whether he had to race to Mantua or to Brixia. And this, says he, the noble house of his rival, Trypho, does not deny; nor the lodging-rooms of Caerulus, where he who afterwards was Sabinus, but ere that Quinctio, tells that with two-bladed shears he once clipped the hairy necks, lest, under the pressure of Cytorian yoke,<sup>1</sup> the harsh mane might cause some soreness.

<sup>12</sup> O cold Cremona and muddy Gaul, Sabinus says that this was and is well-known to thee: he claims that from his earliest birthtime he stood in thy mire, in thy marsh laid by his packs, and thence over so many miles of rutty roads bore the yoke, whether the mule on left or on right or on both sides began to flag . . . ; and that no vows to the gods of the by-ways were made by him save this at the last—his father's reins and the curry-comb close by.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>24</sup> But these things are past and gone; now he sits in his ivory chair and dedicates himself to thee, twin Castor, and to thee, Castor's twin-brother.

<sup>1</sup> i.e. box-wood yoke, because Cytorus, a mountain in Paphlagonia, abounded in box-wood trees.

<sup>2</sup> Or "next in value."

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<sup>19</sup> mulas Ω : mula *edition* 1482. utrimque *Heinsius*.

<sup>20</sup> *Birt supplies* : pecus recalcitrare ferreo pede.

<sup>22</sup> sibi *Aldine edition* 1517: tibi Ω. propter *ZMuMed.*

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### XI

Quis deus, Octavi, te nobis abstulit? an quae  
dicunt, <sup>a</sup> nimio pocula ducta mero?  
“vobiscum, si est culpa, bibi. sua quemque sequuntur  
fata: quid immeriti crimen habent cyathi?”  
scripta quidem tua nos multum mirabimur et te      5  
raptum et Romanam flebimus historiam,  
sed tu nullus eris. perversi dicite manes,  
hunc superesse patri quae fuit invidia?

### XII

SUPERBE Noctuine, putidum caput,  
datur tibi puella, quam petis, datur;  
datur, superbe Noctuine, quam petis.  
sed, o superbe Noctuine, non vides  
duas habere filias Atilium,      5  
duas, et hanc et alteram, tibi dari?  
adeste nunc, adeste: dicit, ut deceat,  
superbus ecce Noctuinus hirneam.  
Thalassio, Thalassio, Thalassio!

XI. <sup>2</sup> dicunt a nimio *u*: dicunt animo (-mi) *BH*: dicuntur animo *AR*, *Med.*: dicunt Centaurum *Birt*: Centaurum nimio *Garrod*. ducta *Heinsius*: dura  $\Omega$ .

<sup>3</sup> culpabile *B*.      <sup>4</sup> facta *BMu*.

XII. <sup>4</sup> o *B*: omitted *Z*.

<sup>6</sup> duas *Aldine edition 1517*: omitted  $\Omega$ .

<sup>7</sup> dicit *Z*: dicit *B* (*above the line*).

<sup>9</sup> Thalassio twice only  $\Omega$ : thrice, *Marius Victorinus*.

<sup>1</sup> Written in dialogue, and in the form of an epitaph, the subject of which is the Octavius Musa of *Catalepton IV*. above. Octavius, it would seem, has been “dead-drunk,” and so is humorously treated as if he had died. He is a “son of Bacchus,” and Bacchus (*i.e.* the wine) had died (was all 502

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### XI<sup>1</sup>

“WHAT god, Octavius, has snatched thee from us?  
Or was it, as they say, the cups of o'er-strong wine  
that thou, alas, didst quaff?”

“With you I drank, if that's a fault. His own  
fate pursues each. Why should the guiltless cups be  
blamed?”

“Thy writings, indeed, we shall much admire, and  
that thou and thy Roman history are torn from us,  
we shall much lament, but thou no more shalt be!”  
Tell us, ye Spirits perverse: Why did ye grudge  
that he should outlive his father?

### XII<sup>2</sup>

PROUD Noctuinus, thou addle-pate, the girl thou  
seekest is given thee, I say; the girl thou seekest,  
proud Noctuinus, is given thee. But seest thou not,  
thou proud Noctuinus, that Atilius has two daughters  
—that two, both this and the other, are given thee?<sup>3</sup>  
Come<sup>4</sup> ye now, come ye! Proud Noctuinus, see!  
brings home, as is meet—a jug! Thalassio, Thalassio,  
Thalassio!<sup>5</sup>

consumed) before the son. (So E. de Marchi, in *Rivista di Filologia*, 1907, pp. 492 ff.)

Birt's attempt to introduce *Centaurum* in line 2 is due to an epigram of Callimachus (*Anth. Pal.* vii. 725), with a similar motif, and containing the words ἢ βα τὸ καλόν Κένταυρον; this may be right. The word would be governed by *abstulisse* understood: “was it those cups of strong wine, which they say overcame the Centaur?”

<sup>2</sup> A companion piece to VI. above. Noctuinus is drunk at his wedding.

<sup>3</sup> The second bride is the wine-jug.

<sup>4</sup> Addressed, probably, to the crowd in the street.

<sup>5</sup> With this salutation brides had been greeted ever since the days of Romulus.

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## XIII

IACERE me, quod alta non possim, putas,	
ut ante, vectari freta	
nec ferre durum frigus aut aestum pati	
neque arma victoris sequi?	
valent, valent mihi ira et antiquus furor	5
et lingua, qua adsim tibi	
quid, impudice et improbande Caesari,	9
seu furt a dicantur tua	10
et prostitutae turpe contubernium	7
sororis—o quid me incitas?	
et helluato sera patrimonio	11
in fratre parsimonia	
vel acta puero cum viris convivia	
udaeque per somnum nates	
et insecio repente clamatum insuper	15
“Thalassio, Thalassio.”	
quid palluisti, femina? an ioci dolent?	
an facta cognoscis tua?	
non me vocabis pulchra per Cotytia	
ad feriatos fascinos,	20
nec deinde te movere lumbos in stola	
pensis videbo altaribus	
flavumque propter Thybrim olentis nauticum	
vocare, ubi adpulsae rates	
stant in vadis caeno retentae sordido	25
macraque luctantes aqua;	
neque in culinam et uncta compitalia	
dapesque duces sordidas,	

<sup>6</sup> qua adsim (assim *B*) Ω: adsiem *Wagner*: sat sim *Scaliger*: adsignem *Bücheler*: mas sim *Ellis*. *For the hiatus, cf. Hor. Epod. v. 100, XIII. 3.* <sup>7, 8</sup> placed after 10 *Birt.*

<sup>21</sup> stola *Bücheler*: latus *Baehrens*: oaltula *Kibbeck*: ratu-  
lam *B*: rotulam *Z*.

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### XIII<sup>1</sup>

DOST think I am helpless, because I cannot, as heretofore, sail the deep seas, nor bear stern cold, nor endure summer heat, nor follow the victor's arms? Strong, strong are my wrath and old-time fury, and my tongue, wherewith I stand at thy side.

<sup>9</sup> Why, thou shameless one, worthy of Caesar's ire! —whether thy secret crimes be told (thy prostituted sister's vile life within thy tent—O why dost thou spur me on?—and thy thrift in late hour at a brother's cost, when thy patrimony was squandered), or whether those banquets thou didst share in boyhood with men, thy body wet throughout the hours of sleep, and, over and above, the cry "Thalassio, Thalassio," raised on a sudden by one I know not: why, I ask, hast thou paled, O woman? Can mere jests pain thee? or dost recognize deeds that are thine own? Amid Co-tutto's beauteous rites thou wilt not invite me to the long-disused symbols, nor, as thy hands grasp the altars, shall I see thee bestir thy loins beneath thy woman's robe, and, hard by the yellow Tiber, call to the boat-smelling throng, where the barques that have reached port stand in the shallows, fast in the filthy mire, and struggling with the scanty water; nor wilt thou lead me to the kitchen, to the greasy cross-roads' feast and its mean fare, with which and

<sup>1</sup> These iambics, written in the same couplet form as the first ten Epodes of Horace, are full of Archilochian venom, whether genuine or assumed. The poem is different from everything else that bears the name of Virgil, and Némethy assigns it definitely to Horace's authorship. De Witt, in the *American Journal of Philology*, vol. xxxiii., 1912, p. 320, gives good reasons for supposing Anto~~ney~~ to be the object of attack.

## VIRGIL

quibus repletus et salivosis aquis,  
obesam ad uxorem redis  
et aestuantes dote solvis pantices,  
osusque lambis saviis.  
nunc laede, nunc lacesse, si quicquam vales !  
et nomen adscribo tuum.  
cinaede Luciene, liquerunt opes  
fameque genuini crepant. 35  
videbo habentem praeter ignavos nihil  
fratres et iratum Iovem  
scissumque ventrem et hirneosi patrui  
pedes inedia turgidos. 40

## XIII A

CALLIDA imago sub hac (caeli est iniuria) sede,  
antiquis, hospes, non minor ingeniis,  
et quo Roma viro doctis certaret Athenis :  
ferrea sed nulli vincere fata datur.

## XIV

Si mihi susceptum fuerit decurrere munus,  
o Paphon, o sedes quae colis Idalias,  
Troyus Aeneas Romana per oppida digno  
iam tandem ut tecum carmine vectus eat :

XIII. <sup>29</sup> et] ut Ω.

<sup>30</sup> dote *MHA* : nocte *Scaliger* : docte *B.*

<sup>31</sup> scelusque *Birt.*

<sup>32</sup> cinaede *Luciene Bücheler* : *Cine delucci ià te.*

XIII A. *In Z this epigram is found after XIII. 16.*

<sup>1</sup> Callide (Allide) mage : Callida *Birt* : imago *Bücheler and Birt.* sede *Birt* : *sæcli MSS.* Pallida mole sub hac celavit membra Secundus *Riese* : Palladis arce sub hac Itali est 506

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**with slimy water thou satest thyself, then returnest  
to thy lumpish wife, untiest the boiling sausages her  
dowry provides, and then, hated though thou art,  
dost smother her with kisses.**

<sup>33</sup> Now assail, now provoke me, if at all thou canst!  
**Even thy name I add, thou wanton Lucienus!** Now  
thy means have failed thee, and with hunger thy  
back teeth rattle! I shall yet see thee possessed of  
nothing but good-for-naught brothers and an angry  
Jove, thy stomach rent, and thy ruptured uncle's  
feet swollen with fasting.

## XIIIA

A SCHOLAR's shade rests beneath this place<sup>1</sup>—a  
wrong done by heaven<sup>2</sup>—one not inferior to the  
great minds of old, and a man with whom Rome  
could challenge learned Athens: but to none is it  
given to vanquish iron Fate.

## XIV<sup>3</sup>

If it be my lot to finish the course I have begun,  
O thou<sup>4</sup> that dwellest in Paphos and in the Idalian  
groves, so that at length through Roman towns  
Trojan Aeneas may go his way, borne along with

<sup>1</sup> Nobody knows to whom this epitaph refers, and the first  
verse is largely conjectural.

<sup>2</sup> The gods are reproached for allowing the man to die;  
cf. *Codex*, 347.

<sup>3</sup> Written, apparently, after the poet had begun the  
*Aeneid.*      <sup>4</sup> Venus.

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inuria saecli *Ellis*: Palladi magna sua visa est iniuria sedis  
*Baehrens.*                  XIV. <sup>4</sup> erat *Z.*

## VIRGIL

non ego ture modo aut picta tua templa tabella      5  
ornabo et puris sera feram manibus—  
corniger hos aries humilis et maxima taurus  
victima sacratos sparget honore focos,  
marmoreusque tibi vel mille coloribus ales  
in morem picta stabit Amor pharetra.      10  
adsis, o Cytherea : tuus te Caesar Olympo  
et Surrentini litoris ara vocat.

## XV

**VATE** Syracosio qui dulcior Hesiodoque  
maior, Homereo non minor ore fuit,  
illius haec quoque sunt divini elementa poetae  
et rudis in vario carmine Calliope.

XIV. <sup>7</sup> et] sed *Burmann.* maxima *B:* maximus *HM.*

<sup>8</sup> sacrato *Heinsius.* spargit *BHM.*

<sup>9</sup> vel] *Birt:* aut. vel mille col.] caput, ignicolorius *Ellis.*

XV. In the MSS. this follows upon XIV. 12, as if it were a portion of that poem.      <sup>3</sup> sint *HM.*

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thee in worthy song : not with incense alone or with painted tablet will I adorn thy temple and with clean hands bring thee garlands, but the horned ram, a lowly offering, and the bull, noblest victim, with blood of sacrifice shall besprinkle the hallowed altars, and unto thee in marble, with his quiver painted, as is wont, in all its thousand hues, shall winged Love be set up. Come, O lady of Cythera ! thine own Caesar and the altar of Sorrento's shore call thee from Olympus.

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To that divine poet who was sweeter than the Syracusan bard,<sup>2</sup> greater than Hesiod, and not inferior to Homer in his speech—to him also belong these first efforts, even his untutored Muse in varied strain.

<sup>1</sup> An editorial epilogue, composed, according to Birt, by Varius.

<sup>2</sup> Theocritus.



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