I would dedicate this book, such as it is, to Professor HENRY W. TORREY, but for whose suggestions in regard to the poet it could never have been written at all

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This book is intended for use in the class-room. There are therefore many things in the notes which the advanced Latin scholar may pass over. But the editor has derived so much advantage from editions of the Classics in which the notes reminded him in particular connections of things which in general he knew before, that he has not inquired so much whether a thing was likely to be known, as whether it was likely to be thought of in the connection. The notes are intended not so much to aid the student in the study of the Latin language as in the study of Horace,—what he meant, how he felt, and what prompted him to write as he did. In accordance with the plan of the "College Series," the notes are put at the bottom of the page to facilitate reference. The editor is persuaded that college students sufficiently advanced to undertake Horace, ought no longer to get and recite lessons, but to study the literature, and understand and enjoy it. If the editor's suggestions enable anybody to do this, his purpose will have been accomplished.

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INTRODUCTION.

HORACE says (Sat. I. 10. 74),—

... An tua demens
Vilibus in ludis dictari carmina malis?
Non ego.

But his genius and fame very early brought upon him the fate which he deprecates, of having his works used as a literary textbook in all kinds of schools. And this use of his poetry has brought with it several important consequences. In the first place, it insured their preservation to our own times, while so many writers have been absolutely lost. Secondly, it has prevented any serious interpolation by imitators of later times. Thirdly, it has caused an arrangement of his works in manuscripts and in later printed editions which is not chronological but educational. The Satires and Epodes were his earliest poetical efforts, being written, for the most part, about the same time, between B.C. 40 and B.C. 30, though in manuscripts and editions, as well as in educational use, the Odes precede them. Fourthly, it has produced in the manuscripts a state of things that is perhaps unparalleled in those of any other author. Classical authors generally have come down to us in such a form, that by a careful study such as has been given to the subject by the scholars of the last fifty years, the manuscripts can be divided into families, and their genesis and trustworthiness determined with considerable accuracy and certainty. But with Horace, the number and late date of the manuscripts,—some two hundred and fifty, all probably of later date than the tenth century,—along with the uninterrupted cross correction of one
by another, caused by the general familiarity with the poet, has made it next to impossible to establish any families, or any precedence of any one over others, or even of any dozen over the rest. So that what we have of Horace is a text very much altered by the tinkering of scholars according to their knowledge and whims, but at the same time checked off by reference to the constant stream of tradition. This process has apparently been going on from the poet's own time. So that very little can be done now in the way of improvement of the text, unless some manuscript should come to light that has lain unused for more than a thousand years. For a description of the manuscripts, the student is referred to Orelli and (less fully) Keller and Holder.

The Satires and the poems generally seem to have been first written for private reading and circulation, somewhat as single poems appear nowadays in ephemeral literature and are later collected into volumes, and not to have been properly published until some time after their composition. Exactly at what time this was done in the case of the Satires is unknown, but we may well suppose that the first book was published before B.C. 33, in which year Horace received from Mæcenas the gift of his Sabine farm, a gift which can hardly be looked upon otherwise than as a return for the compliment of the dedication to Mæcenas in I. 1. There is no clear indication that the two books of Satires were published separately, yet there is a slight difference of style between the two, and the scene with Trebatius in II. 1. seems to indicate a new undertaking, a conclusion which is also strengthened by the completeness of the first book and the evident incompleteness of the second.

The form of composition Horace himself calls Sermones, to distinguish it from the higher flights of poetry which he attempts in his lyrics. But the name Satura must also have been given to the work at the time (as in II. 1. 1), and has always been the prevailing title.
This kind of literature, which is almost entirely, if not entirely, Roman (*Satura quidem tota nostra est*, Quint. X. i. 93), had not originally the same meaning that *satire* has at present. Its real meaning is "miscellany" (*cf. lanx satura, lex satura*), and it was first used, so far as we know, by Ennius (B.C. 239–169) to describe a collection of verse with mixed metres as well as mixed subjects. This meaning was also followed by Pacuvius, his nephew, and later by M. Terentius Varro, the great antiquarian, a contemporary of Cicero. Lucilius, in the time of Africanus the Younger, used the word to denote a series of pictures of life and manners in verse (generally hexameter), more nearly, though not entirely, in the style which we now call satirical. His satires, of which we have fragments, consist of scenes and character sketches from life, and are generally, though not always, aimed at the folly and wickedness of mankind, particularly as found in the party opposed to the clique of Scipio and his friends. The exact connection of Lucilius' efforts with Greek models is not clear. In Horace's time there seems to have been no idea that there was any immediate connection with anything Greek except a remote one with the Old Comedy. Some of the writings of Ennius may have suggested the development that Lucilius gave to satire. There was evidently also among the Romans a strong tendency towards dramatic composition of a lighter kind, as is indicated by the Fescennine and Atellane farces. There was also a strong tendency to "convicia," or personal abuse in conversational form, "chaffing," or "Billingsgate." There were also extant at that time some compositions in Greek called *Σίλλοι*, which seem to have been poetical semidramatic character sketches, something like the prose writings of Lucian. These *Silloi* may have given a suggestion to Ennius and Lucilius; and as the comedy which would naturally have sprung from all these seeds was crowded out by the translation of the more advanced Greek dramas, the Satire seems to have been the result of the comic tendency of the Romans turned
by the want of Roman comedy and by the Greek character sketches in another direction. In this sense Satire is an abortive comedy.

The model of Lucilius was exactly followed by Horace, and the result is these two books of Satires, which for genial humor and amusing representation of the vices and follies of mankind, are unequalled in any literature. From the acute observation of human nature and social life that they show, and the felicity of expression that abounds on every page, they have always been among the most admired and most quoted works of ancient literature.

The style is always easy and graceful; never forced nor affected. They must have been written at a dash, however much Horace may have trimmed them and filed them afterwards. They are never labored, notwithstanding the care with which they must have been written, and if an idea attributed to Horace is far-fetched we may be almost sure it is wrong and not Horatian. The difficulties often found in following the thought are not caused, as in some authors, by a labored obscurity. They are the natural consequence of a quick seizing and setting forth of salient points to an audience that could readily supply the missing links.

The peculiar characteristic of Horace is his genial humor. He does not inveigh against the vices of mankind, but sets forth the laughable aspects of their vices, and constantly includes himself among the objects of his satire, being in this respect more like Thackeray than any other author before or since.

Archaisms.—The Satires, in accordance with their colloquial character, are full of expressions such as were used in common life, though they had become antiquated or had never appeared in literature.

E.g., the passive infinitive in -ier; quis for quibus; the contracted forms of the perfect, like erepsemus, surrexe, evasti;
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caballus; quid agis; dulcissime rerum; unde mihi lapidem; licebit... celebret (II. 2. 59); mille ovium (II. 3. 197); nummo addicere (II. 5. 109); quid causae est; soldum; caldior; periculum; narrare (for dicere), etc.

Prosody.—Horace allows himself several liberties in the composition of his verse:—

1. Short syllables lengthened before the caesura.
   * qui non defendit, || alio ...*, I. 4. 82.
   * confidens tumidus || adeo ...* (doubtful reading), I. 7. 7.
   * ne quis humasse velit || Aiacem ..., II. 3. 187 (originally long).*

   *Galloni praeconis erat|| acipensere ..., II. 2. 47 (originally long).*

2. Consonantizing of *i.* vindemyator, I. 7. 30.

3. Frequent elisions, perhaps a colloquial usage.
   * nulla ne habes vitia, immo alio et fortasse minora, I. 3. 20.
   * quam rem agis* (doubtful reading), II. 6. 29.

4. Shortening long vowels before another vowel.
   * si me amas, I. 9. 38.*


6. Hypermetric verses, running over to the next verse (only two).
   * ... convictore usus amicoque
     a puer*o ...*, I. 4. 95.
   * ... uti ne solus rusve peregreve
     exirem ...*, I. 6. 102.

Q. HORATI FLACCI

SERMONES

LIBER PRIMVS

I.

Qui fit, Maecenas, ut nemo, quam sibi sortem seu ratio dederit seu fors obiecerit, illa contentus vivat, laudet diversa sequentis?

Title, Sermones. Though this work of Horace is now universally called Satires, yet the ancient title seems to have been Sermones (conversations). See Introduction.

Satire I. The main theme is Horace's favorite one, of avarice. As usual, however, he does not at once attack the theme directly, but comes to it sidewisely, under cover of a long preamble, which extends as far as v. 28.

Verse I. Maecenas: this satire by being addressed to Maecenas, serves as a sort of prologue to the work, and dedicates it to him. This address, as well as the interrogative form of the beginning, gives the conversational tone, of which Horace is fond.—quam sortem: notice that the Latin constantly puts the so-called antecedent noun in the relative clause, and puts that clause first in order. This is, no doubt, the earlier and more natural construction, according with the original interrogative character of the Latin relative. Translate by changing the order of the clauses: "with that lot which," etc.—sibi: the use of the reflexive is due to a feeling of indirect discourse, whereby the thought is put into the mind of the indefinite person spoken of, whose mental state contentus represents, and so implies a verb of saying.

2. ratio, choice, as deliberate or calculated (ratus).—dederit, has assigned.—obiecerit, has thrown in his way. The preposition ob is especially used of things happening by chance; cf. obvenio, obtingo. The subjunctives are occasioned by the dependence of the relative clauses on the ut clause.

3. laudet, praises the lot of, i.e. calls happy, or envies. The subject is an implied quisque, suggested by nemo.—diversa, different pursuits (from his own).
'O fortunati mercatores!' gravis annis miles ait, multo iam fractus membra labore.

Contra mercator, navem iactantibus Austris, 'Militia est potior. Quid enim? Concurritur; horae momento cita mors venit aut victoria laeta.'

Agricolam laudat iuris legumque peritus, sub galli cantum consutor ubi ostia pulsat.

Ille, datis vadibus qui rure extractus in urbem est, solos felices viventis clamat in urbe.

4. O fortunati, etc.: in accordance with the dramatic form which satire takes (perhaps on account of its origin, see Introduction), Horace gives the direct words of the persons referred to.—fortunati: as getting wealth without the toils to which the soldier is exposed.—gravis annis, i.e. he is getting old, but is not rich yet, while the toils are more grievous to him. Another reading, armis, is possible, but not so good.

5. fractus, shattered.—membra, frame.—labore: the battles of the Romans were won by the spade even more than by the sword, and in full marching order the soldier carried a weight of from forty to sixty pounds.

6. mercator: it must be remembered that the mercator is a trader who sails with his wares in his own ship; hence iactantibus austris. —austri: the south wind is an especially squally and rainy wind in the Mediterranean. Cf. II. II. 145; Hor. Od. I. 7. 16. The word may be translated souwesters, or southerly gales.

7. potior: it is the long and tedious suffering that affects the trader, and he contrasts with it the short and sudden danger of battle. —quid enim, of course (lit. why? in fact). Cf. II. 3. 132, and quid est as an expression of assent.

enim does not here have its explanatory force, but the earlier one of in fact, as in quia enim, quippe enim, immo enim. Cf. quisnam, etc.—concurritur, the onset comes.

8. momento, short space. —laeta: as enriching the soldier by booty. These occupations are all here looked upon as means of gain (cf. v. 28).

9. iuris legumque peritus, the learned man of law and statute, though of course iuris, etc., belong to peritus. The jurisconsult, or consulting lawyer, is referred to, who was not an advocate, but gave opinions for fees.—agricolum: because he does not have to get up at so early an hour.

10. sub galli cantum: as the proceedings of the Roman courts began at an early hour, the client must get advice at a still earlier one, but of course the statement here is hyperbolical.

11. ille, the other. —datis vadibus: the defendant, on answering to the first summons in a court of law, gave bail for his appearance at a subsequent day for the hearing. Cf. I. 9. 36. —in urbe: all the legal and other official business was transacted in the city itself; though many of the tribes lived many miles away. —rure, i.e. from his farm.

12. in urbe: naturally the countryman thinks those who live in the
Cetera de genere hoc, adeo sunt multa, loquacem delassare valent Fabium. Ne te morer, audi quo rem deducam. Si quis deus, 'En ego,' dicat, 'iam faciam quod voltis: eris tu, qui modo miles, mercator; tu, consultus modo, rusticus: hinc vos, vos hinc mutatis discedite partibus. — Heia! quid statis?' — nolint. Atqui licet esse beatis. Quid causae est, merito quin illis Iuppiter ambas iratus buccas inflet, neque se fore posthac tam facilem dicat, votis ut praebat aurem?

city would not have to get up so early. — cetera de genere hoc, the other cases of this kind. An old formula, borrowed by the poet from Lucretius.

13. adeo, so, to the degree indicated by the fact stated (not as a result, but directly) in valent. The same idea might be expressed as a result by ut valeant, but it would be more formal. This reference of demonstrative words to something not expressed but implied in the context is very common in Latin, and, indeed, in all languages, for that matter.

14. delassare, i.e. if he should undertake to enumerate them.— valent, are enough to.— Fabium: an old scholiast says the reference is to Q. Fabius Maximus of Narbo, who wrote on the Stoic philosophy in the wordy style of that sect. And, as this also agrees with the allusions in Sat. 1. 2. 134, the two may well be the same person.

15. quo rem deducam, the point I am coming to (lit. whither I am bringing the matter), i.e. the insincerity of men in these wishes to change their lot. This insincerity he shows dramatically by introducing an imaginary scene of a god appearing and offering to grant their wishes. In such a case they would refuse. The reason why, which is their love of money, he begins to state in v. 28, which brings him to his main theme.

15. en, look you.— ego: the expression of ego by its emphasis gives a force something like "You want to have your lots changed; well, then, I'll do it for you."

17. hinc, to that side; lit. from this side, like a parte dextra.— mutatis, changing. The perf. part. is often best rendered by our present, which the Latin lacks.

18. partibus, rules, the regular theatrical word. — heia, halloo, as if he said, "What does this mean? I thought you wanted to change."

19. quid statis? why do you stand there? i.e. instead of starting, as they areidden in discedite.— nolint, they wouldn't care to, would refuse, the apodosis to dicat, v. 15. — licet, they might. One expects the subjunctive, but verbs of this kind take the indicative, in cases where there is a protasis expressed or implied.

21. buccas inflet: to show the extreme inconsistency of the behavior of these persons, the poet gives a comic picture of Jove's wrath. probably borrowed from the stage.
Praeterea, ne sic, ut qui iocularia, ridens percurram, (quamquam ridentem dicere verum quid vetat? ut pueris olim dant crustula blandi doctores, elementa velint ut discere prima; sed tamen amoto quae ramus seria ludo;) ille gravem duro terram qui vertit aratro, perfidus hic caupo miles nautaeque per omne audaces mare qui currunt, hac mente laborem sese ferre, senes ut in otia tuta recedant, aiunt, cum sibi sint congesta cibaria: sicut parvola (nam exemplo est) magni formica laboris

23. praeterea, furthermore, or to continue. — qui: supply the verb from percurram.
24. ridentem, with laughter. — quamquam, though, corrective to the preceding, not strictly opposed to tamen.
25. quid vetat? what law forbids? — pueris, children, the word being used often for both sexes. — olim, now and then. — crustula, cookies, tarts, gingerbread, evidently much like our own in modern times, though perhaps more elaborate. The name is from their being baked hard. — blandi, coaxing.
26. elementa prima, their A-B-C's, the proper meaning of the word.
27. sed tamen, but still (though we might with propriety go on in this vein). — quae ramus, let us turn to.
28. Here begins the real subject, but even here Horace attacks it carefully, beginning with the excuse of the money-getter. — gravem duro: these words are intended to heighten the color of the picture by indicating the hard labor which the farmer undergoes to gain wealth.
29. perfidus caupo: these words seem out of place, as the context would naturally have some word referring to the jurisconsult. But we may suppose that Horace abandons the lawyer because, though a good opposite to the farmer, yet he seeks honor more than money; and so in this place Horace substitutes the huckster. Certainly the epithet perfidus is more appropriate for the latter than the former. The rest of the satire does not follow the same line of thought, but presents another phase of the dissatisfaction of men, not with what they do, but with what they have; but this is only the other side of the same thing, and is the real reason why they would not change if they could.
30. mente, idea, purpose.
31. senes, in their old age. — tuta, untroubled, i.e. by the toils and dangers they have undergone before.
32. cum sibi, etc., when they have heaped up a sufficient store. — cibaria, lit. rations or subsistence; which Horace makes them say in allusion to the gathered store of the ant, referred to below.
33. parvola: inserted to set off the force of magni; not a merely ornamental epithet, for such are rare in this work, and are not to be
ore trahit quodcumque potest atque addit acervo, quem struit, haud ignara ac non incauta futuri. Quae, simul inversum contristat Aquarius annum, non usquam prorepit et illis utilitur ante quaesitis sapiens; cum te neque fervidus aestus demoveat lucro, neque hiemps, ignis, mare, ferrum, nil obstet tibi, dum ne sit te ditior alter.

Quid iuvat immensum te argenti pondus et auri furtim defossa timidum deponere terra?

'Quod si comminusas, vilem redigatur ad assem.'

At ni id fit, quid habet pulchri constructus acervus?

Milia frumenti tua triverit area centum,

presumed.—exemplo est, she is their pattern, i.e. they justify themselves by her example, but, as Horace shows, their conduct is different from hers. See v. 36.—laboris: a qualitative genitive. That construction is unusual without a general word like animal, but this may be a conversational idiom.

36. inversum, changing, closing; lit. turned back to begin again.—Aquarius: the sun is in this constellation about the middle of January, at which time really begins the short Italian winter.

38. sapiens, i.e. she knows enough to gather provision in summer and stay at home in winter; another reading, patiens, which is very old, would mean contented, not greedy for more. Cf. II. 6. 91.—cum te, etc., i.e. though the searcher for gain makes the ant his pattern, yet he does not follow her in her use of what she gets but still accumulates, undeterred by any peril.

—aestus, etc.: proverbial expressions for obstacles, just as we say "go through fire and water."

40. dum ne, so long as ... not, i.e. provided you can outstrip your neighbor in getting gain (cf. Cic. de Off. 3. 21).—alter, your neighbor. Alter is used for any one of a class opposed to some particular person mentioned.

41. quid iuvat? i.e. what good does this acquisition of wealth do, which you don't use?—immensum, enormous, countless.

42. furtim, etc., stealthily. The picture is of a miser hiding his gold in the earth (the usual place in ancient times) while anxiously watching that no one shall see where.

43. quod si, etc.: the miser's reply. The moment you begin to take from the heap it all goes. "Change a ten-dollar bill, and it is all gone."—assem: the copper coin of account of the Romans, worth at this time about one cent.

44. at ni: Horace's reply.—quid pulchri: a colloquial form of expression for the abstract.—acervus: notice that, as the main idea is that of amassing wealth generally, the figure under which the wealth is represented constantly changes.

45. triverit, suppose it yields; the hortatory subj. used in a concession.—area, threshing floor. The ancients threshed their grain
non tuus hoc capiet venter plus ac meus: ut si reticulum panis venalis inter onusto forte vehas umero, nihilö plus accipias quam qui nil portarit. Vel dic, quid referat intra naturae finis viventi, iugera centum an mille aret? 'At suave est ex magno tollère acervo.' Dum ex parvo nobis tantundem haurire relinquás, cur tua plus laudes cumeris granaria nostris? ut tibi si sit opus liquidi non amplius urna, vel cyatho, et dicas, 'Magno de flumine mallem quam ex hoc fónticuló tantundem sumere.' Eo fit, plenior ut si quos delectet copia iusto, cum ripa simul avolsos ferat Aufidus acer; at qui tantuli eget quanto est opus, is neque limo turbatam haurit aquam, neque vitam amittit in undis.

by making a hard clay floor in the open air, and treading out the grain with cattle,—a method which is still used in Greece and Italy.—milia, i.e. modium, pecks; but we may translate bushels.

46. ac, than, an archaic use preserved in poetry and conversation. — ut si, just as, if, i.e. though you have the trouble of taking care of your great crop, you can't enjoy any more than the rest; just as the slave who happens to be carrying the rations in a train gets no more than his share, for all that.

47. venalis, a gang of slaves. 49. referât: notice the ō, from refer, not refero.

50. finis, the limits which nature sets to our wants. — viventi, the usual construction is genitive, but it may be that the colloquial or popular construction was dative.

51. a suave est, but it is so sweet, etc.; the miser's reply.

52. relinquás nobis, let me draw. Cf. Eng. leave in "leave me be."

53. cumeris, baskets; opposed to the greater store implied in granaria.

54. urna, a measure of three gallons, a jar.—cyatho, also a measure, of about a twelfth of a pint, a spoonful.

55. mallem: this reading is perhaps preferable to malim, inasmuch as hoc seems to indicate that the person supposed has the spring to draw from but not the river; hence the construction might naturally be contrary to fact.

56. eo, in that way, i.e. on account of this desire to take from a great quantity.

57. si quos delectet, whoever takes pleasure in, etc. The statement is a kind of parable continuing the case supposed in v. 54.

58. Aufidus: Horace as usual takes a particular river, the one near his birthplace, to represent any rapid stream.

60. turbatam, turbid; but also of life, unquiet. — vitam: implying that riches are likely to be one's ruin.
At bona pars hominum, decepta cupidine falso,
'Nil satis est,' inquit, 'quia tanti quantum habeas sis.'
Quid facias illi? Iubeas miserum esse, libenter
quatenus id facit; ut quidam memoratur Athenis
sordidus ac dives, populi contemnere voces
sic solitus: 'Populus me sibilat, at mihi plaudo
ipse domi, simul ac nummos contemploor in arca.'
Tantalus a labris sitiens fugientia captat
flumina... Quid rides? Mutato nomine, de te
fabula narratur; congestis undique saccis
indormis narratur; et tamquam par cere sacris
cogeris, aut pictis, et tamquam gaudere tabellis.

61. at: the Ms. authority is perhaps in favor of ut, which would introduce another comparison like ut in v. 54. The sense, however, seems better with at, as if Horace said, 'All this is true, yet men won't act accordingly, but justify their seeking of gain, by v. 62, which shows them to be incurable'; hence quid facias, etc. — bona pars, the best part, i.e. the greatest. — falso, vain, i.e. for which there is no real good as its object.

62. tanti sis, you are rated at, etc. The subjunctive is the regular one of the second person with indefinite subject. — quantum, what.

63. quid facias illi? what can you do for a man like that? i.e. one who is determined to go on in this way, as is indicated by nil satis est. — miserum esse, enjoy his misery; but the expression has the idea of an imprecation, like "go and be hanged." — libenter: i.e. with his eyes open, knowing the true state of the case.

64. quatenus, here inasmuch as (which is an expression of the same origin in English). — ut quidam, etc.: implying that he must get his consolation for his misery out of the wretched pleasure of avarice, as was the case with the Athenian.

65. contemnere, scorn, saying to himself. — voces, cries, of the populace as they hooted after him.

66. at mihi plaudo: i.e. I take my satisfaction for the hisses of the people in my approval of myself.

68. Tantalus, etc.: Horace begins as though he were going to warn the miser by the story of Tantalus in the world below, in the manner of a preacher of virtue, a class of men not held in much respect. See Sat. II. 3 and I. 1. 120.

69. quid rides: the miser, who has no longer any belief in the stories of Hades, or any care for this sort of preaching, laughs at Horace's attempt to convert him with the fables of the world below. But Horace turns upon him, and shows that Tantalus' fate is not a future terror, but his condition now. He then proceeds to prove the similarity of his condition with that of Tantalus, in sight of good things which he cannot enjoy.

71. inhians, gloating, i.e. with his mouth open, staring at them in admiration, as if he would like to eat them, and continuing his enjoy.
Nescis quo valeat nummus, quem præbeat usum?
Panis ematur, holus, vini sextarius, adde
quis humana sibi doleat natura negatis.
An vigilare metu exanimem, noctesque diesque
formidare malos fures, incendia, servos,
ne te compilent fugientes, hoc iuvat? Horum
semper ego optarem pauperrimus esse bonorum.

At si condoluit temptatum frigore corpus,
aut alius casus lecto te affixit, habes qui
assideat, fomenta paret, medicum roget, ut te
suscitet ac gnatis reddat carisque propinquis.

Non uxor salvum te volt, non filius; omnes
vicini oderunt, noti, pueri atque puellae.

Miraris, cum tu argento post omnia ponas,
si nemo praestet, quem non merearis, amorem?
At si cognatos, nullo natura labore

ment of them till he falls asleep.
— tanquam, with sacris.

73. nescis quo, etc.: i.e. “Don't you
know what can be done with all
this money you have, that you
keep it in this way untouched?”
He begins as if he were going
to state some grand object, but
suddenly turning, he gives merely
the absolute wants of humanity.
He thereby implies that this, after
all, is the only thing money can do.
The turn is not strictly logical, but
all the more effective for that.

75. quis = quibus. — doleat...
ne gatis, suffers from the want of.

76. an, etc.: here used, as often,
in a kind of reductio ad absurdum.
Prosaically expressed, “Isn't money
to be used to be a blessing, or do
you enjoy, etc.,” the other alterna-
tive, which is obviously absurd.

79. optarem: i.e. if the case
were mine; hence imperfect. The
reading optarim has a more general
sense.

80. at si, etc., but of course, etc.,
an argument in favor of the miser,
but with obvious irony. — tempta-
tum, attacked, a regular word. —
frigore, a chill, referring to the
fevers so common in Italy.

82. assideat, nurse, an almost
technical word. — roget, call in,
also technical.

84. non, no, not even, etc., the
word getting emphasis from its po-
sition. This is Horace's answer to
his ironical defence of the miser's
position.

85. noti, acquaintances. — pueri
atque puellae, boys and girls and
all, an almost proverbial expression
for without distinction of age or
sex. — quem non merearis, which
you do nothing to deserve.

87. praestet: subjunctive on ac-
count of its connection with mira-
ris, in a kind of indirect discourse.

88. at si, etc.: i.e. by devoting
yourself to the pursuit of gain, you
make it impossible to keep even
quos tibi dat, retinere velis servareque amicos, in infelix operam perdas, ut si quis asellum in campo doceat parentem currere frenis. ?

Denique sit finis quaerendi, cumque habeas plus, pauperiem metuas minus, et finire laborem incipias, parto quod avebas, ne facias quod Vmmidius quidam. Non longa est fabula: dives, ut metiretur nummos, ita sordidus, ut se non umquam servo melius vestiret, ad usque supremum tempus, ne se penuria victus opprimeret metuebat. At hunc liberta securi divisit medium, fortissima Tyndaridarum.

‘Quid mi igitur suades? ut vivam Maenius? aut sic ut Nomentanus?’ Pergis pugniantia secum

the love of your kindred which nature gives you at the start without your taking any trouble. The reading an si could mean, “Do you think it would be useless labor to attempt to win friends?” The first seems better. Notice Horace does not say get, but keep.

90. asellum, etc.: evidently proverbial. “By your conduct you have made yourself as incapable of friendship as an ass is of speed.”

91. cum, now that.
92. metuas, begin to fear.—finire, set a limit. Notice that Horace does not advise him to stop suddenly, but begin, as it were, to think of an end.

93. parto: in early prose the antecedent of quod would be expressed in agreement with parto, but conversation and poetry allow the omission, which is common later.

94. Vmmidius: the story is not otherwise known, though the name occurs elsewhere.

95. supremum tempus, the last day of his life.

96. divisit: change the voice in translating. — Tyndaridum, of Tyndareus’ line. The allusion is to Clytemnestra, who killed her lord in the same manner, as if it were “the most undaunted of husband-slayers.” It is of course implied that the woman was a concubine, so that the case is an illustration of the idea in non uxor, etc., and the following.

100. quid mi suades, etc.: the miser thinks that the poet in condemning avarice approves extravagance, and asks if he wants him to be a Maenius (a spendthrift). A reading Naevius refers to a person said to have been a miser. This gives a passable sense, though not approved by the commentators; as if he said, “What do you advise me, then, to be a miser, or do you want me to be a spendthrift?” as if these were the only alternatives, and there could be no doubt which was the better. The reading retained gives two examples of spendthrifts.

102. Nomentanus: a noted spendthrift. — pergis, do you persist, do you always? i.e. “Do as

Illuc, unde abii, redeo: nemon' ut avarus se probet ac potius laudet diversa sequentis, quodque aliena capella gerat distentius uber, tabescat, neque se maiori pauperiorum

you always do?"—secum, with (to) each other, a very common use of the reflexive.—pugnantia, opposed, at variance.—frontibus adversis, utterly, squarely, diametrically. The figure is drawn from bulls and rams, but is hardly admissible in English.

103. componere: the technical sense of the word is match, pair off. If this is taken, the meaning is, "Why do you always match (in argument) things squarely opposed to each other, as if there were nothing between, setting only the two extremes against each other, and not, as you should, one extreme against the mean." It may also be taken in the sense of put together, i.e. identifying things utterly inconsistent and unlike, as not being a miser with being a spendthrift, and not being a spendthrift with being a miser, whereas Horace shows that there is a middle ground, and consequently these things supposed by the miser to be the same are really utterly opposed to each other.

105. Tanain: said to be a eunuch of whom, as of Visellius, nothing else is known.—quiddam, a point, that is, a mean, so that one isn't obliged to be either one or the other.—socerum, etc.: a man we are told who had the swelling of a hernia.

106. modus in rebus, a just measure in everything.—fines, limits. Horace's favorite ethical principle.

107. ultra citraque, on either side of.

108. nemon' ut avarus: a troublesome passage of which nobody can find the key. The meaning is obvious, being the same as the point in v. 1, the discontent of mankind. The difficulty is in the construction. No authenticated reading omits the ne (n'), nor would the hiatus seem very tolerable, though perhaps paralleled by Od. I. 28. 24. But the ne is apparently superfluous. If the ut clause is taken as the ordinary one denoting a state of things, the ne might be a colloquial usage like clauses of exclamation, egone ut interpellam (the idea that, etc.), or it is barely possible to treat ut as interrogative, how, in which case a pleonastic ne might be justified; cf. utrum ne.—avarus, in his greed, added as the true reason why no man is contented with his lot.

110. quodque, etc.: a different phase of discontent is here represented. At the outset, men appear as praising the lot of another on account of its supposed ease, but here, for its greater gain. Cf. note to v. 29.—distentius, etc.: simply to express greater prosperity.
This Stoic compilasse putes, verbum non amplius addam.

II.

Ambubaiarum collegia, pharmacopoleae, mendici, mimae, balatrones, hoc genus omne

112. hunc atque hunc, this man and this (in succession, opposed to the crowd).
113. obstat, stands in his path, i.e. is before him in the race.
114. ungula, the flying hoof, to make the figure endurable in Eng. — carceribus, the barriers, special stalls in which the horses stood until the rope at the entrance was dropped, and they rushed forth (emissos) to the track (spatium).
115. illum, that other.
116. euntem, as running, i.e. as soon as he is passed, he belongs with all the rest in the rear, and is no better than the hindmost himself.
117. inde, i.e. from this rivalry.
118. exacto tempore, when the term of his life is complete.
119. conviva satur, a well-fed guest, a diner-out who has enjoyed his dinner, but has had enough. An idea common to several schools of philosophy, but more particularly the Epicurean (cf. Lucr. III. 951).
120. iam satis est: notice that the end as well as the beginning is informal. Horace breaks off abruptly for fear of being too verbose and tedious, which fear he jocularly expresses by his allusion to Crispinus. This person was a Stoic philosopher who preached the cant of that school, to the disgust of full-blooded, fastidious, and sincere natures like Horace. The high morality and rigid logic and precepts of the Stoics made it easy for them to fall into cant, and one could profess and teach the tenets of the school without much mental or moral effort, using the high-sounding sermons and glittering paradoxes of previous sermonizers. Horace, whose doctrine of the mean approaches the Peripatetic school, never loses a chance to gibe the Stoics. This does not prevent him however from often urging Stoic precepts. Cf. II. 3.

Satire 2. This satire is upon a particular form of excess, but the preamble (to the middle of v. 28), on extremes in general, is as usual, far from the main subject, and treats of the want of perception.
maestum ac sollicitum est cantoris morte Tigelli: quippe benignus erat. Contra hic, ne prodigus esse
dicatur metuens, inopi dare nolit amico
frigus quo duramque famem propellere possit.
Hunc si perconterioris, avi cur atque parentis
praeclaram ingrata stringat malus inluvie rem,
onnia conductis coemens obsonia nummis,
sordidus atque animi quod parvi nolit haberì,
respondet. Laudatur ab his, culpatur ab illis.
Fufidius vappae famam timet ac nebulonis,
[dives agris, dives positis in faenore nummis];
quinas hic capiti mercedes exsecat, atque
among mankind of the true course
of virtue, which consists in keeping
the golden mean.
1. Ambubaiarum, music-girls,
or musicians from the East, not
of the best reputation.—conlegia:
humorously used to describe the
troupes of these persons, as if they
had an official corporate organiza-
tion, like more respectable guilds,
or societies, especially those of the
religious musicians.—pharmacop-
olae, quacks, who sold their own
medicines, or sellers of perfumes,
in both which senses the word is
used.
2. mendici, beggars, including
many Eastern priests and fortune-
tellers, as also jugglers.—mimae,
low players. The lowest class of
farces, the mimes, allowed women
on the stage. Actresses is rather
too respectable a word here.—
genus: i.e. the classes that thrive
on the vices (and virtues) of the
prodigal, by catering to a life of
luxury.
3. Tigelli: Marcus Hermogenes
Tigellius was a skilful musician and
remarkable singer, and a friend of
Julius Caesar, as well as later of
Augustus, famous also, like many
of that class of persons in later
times, for his luxury and prodigal-
ity.
4. quippe benignus erat, for
he was a generous soul.—contra,
on the other hand, contrasting an-
other (hic), who is a parsimonious
creature.
5. inopi, in want.
6. frigus, etc.: i.e. to clothe and
feed him.—duram, with both nouns.
7. hunc: a i.e. to clothe and feed him.
8. ingrata, unsatisfying; lit
that gives no pleasure and yields
no return.
9. conductis, borrowed, i.e. at
usurious interest.—obsonia, dain-
ties, any food which is used to give
relish to bread, the main staple of
ancient diet.
10. animi parvi, small-souled.
11. respondet: i.e. se strin-
gere, etc., quod, etc.—his, this
class; illis, the other.
12. Fufidius, a usurer
13. Rejected by some editors.
14. quinas, i.e. fivefold. As the
ordinary rate of interest was one
per cent a month, this would be
sixty per cent.—exsecat, slices of,
i.e. in advance, as in bank discount,
quanto perditior quisque est, tanto acrius urget; nomina sectatur modo sumpta veste virili sub patribus duris tironum. 'Maxime' quis non 'Iuppiter!' exclamat, simul atque audivit? 'At in se pro quaeestu sumptum facit hic.' Vix credere possis quam sibi non sit amicus, ita ut pater ille, Terenti fabula quem miserum gnato vixisse fugato inducit, non se peius cruciaverit atque hic. 

Si quis nunc quaeart, 'Quo res haec pertinet?' illuc: dum vitant stulti-vitia, in contraria currunt. Malthinus tunicis demissis ambulat; est qui

15. quanto perditior, the nearer to ruin. — quisque, one. This use of quisque is common in all kinds of comparisons to make the idea more individual, as if it said, "each man in proportion to," etc. We may use 'always.'

16. nomina, debts. In the account-books of the Romans, the name at the head of the ledger was the evidence of debt; hence nomen comes to be used for the account (in all senses, as in English), and for the debt against one, where we should say notes or bills. — sumpta, etc., just come to manhood, when of course their desire for pleasure and their dependence would be greatest. The manly toga, or plain white robe, was put on at the pleasure of the father about the age of seventeen, and this (dies tirocinii) was an important occasion in the life of the young man as 'his coming out' as a man among men.

17. duris, harsh, as not indulging their sons in their pleasures, whence the young men had more need of money.

18. in se . . . sumptum facit, he spends upon himself.

19. pro quaeestu, in proportion to his gains. — vix, etc.: notice that the connectives are constantly omitted to give the freedom of conversation; on the contrary, or why!

20. quam non amicus, what an enemy, as torturing himself with privation in the miser's fashion. — pater ille, the father, i.e. the well-known one.

21. fabula: the Hautontimorum-menos, or Self-Tormentor, of Terence. — miserum vixisse inducit, shows living in wretchedness. The word inducit properly means brings on to the stage, but, as vixisse is past, it means here "shows to have lived."

22. atque, than, a meaning and use of atque often found in early Latin.

23. quo . . . pertinet, whither . . . tends, i.e. what is shown by these examples?

24. dum vitant, etc.: the general statement of the doctrine of the mean as held by the Peripatetic school.

25. Malthinus, etc.: examples of extremes in other matters. There is a supposed reference to Maecenas, but it might be any one of a hundred others. — est qui (sc. ambulat), another.
inguen ad obscenum subductis usque facetus. Pastillos Rufillus olet, Gargonius hircum. Nil medium est. Sunt qui nolint tetigisse nisi illas, quarum subsuta talos tegat instita veste: contra alius nullam nisi olenti in fornice stantem. Quidam notus homo cum exiret fornice ‘Macte virtute esto,’ inquit sententia dia Catonis. ‘Nam simul ac venas inflavit taetra libido, huc iuvenes aequum est descendere, non alienas permolere uxores.’ ‘Nolim laudarier,’ inquit, ‘sic me’ mirator cunni Cupiennius albi. Audire est operae pretium, procedere recte qui moechos non vultis, ut omni parte laborent; utque illis multo corrupta dolore voluptas

26. obscenum: translate as adv., indecently; properly, indecent, because not usually exposed.—facetus, an exquisite. The word is especially applied to persons who are over-refined by intercourse with society, in one age a dandy, in another a dude.

27. pastillos, lozenges, to perfume the person. As the ancients were unacquainted with distillation, perfumes were conveyed in various vehicles, especially in oils, or, as here, in little cakes.—hircum, dirt and sweat. The word is very often used of the smell of the body in confined places, like the armpits. One of the extremes is over-care of the body; the other, neglect of simple cleanliness, of both of which the poet complains.

28. nil medium est, there is no middle course, a repetition in other words of the principal theme.—sunt qui, etc.: instances of extremes in another direction.—tetigisse: the perf. inf. is apparently an archaic construction, which survived especially in conversational and legal usage.

29. quarum: i.e. matrons, as appears from instita. —subsuta, trailing: the instita was apparently a flounce sewed on to the bottom of the stola, or long tunic of married women.

30. fornice: the arches of the Circus Maximus were the special abodes of people of the kind referred to; cf. I. 6. 113. Hence the name.

31. notus, of his acquaintance.

32. sententia dia, etc.: an imitation of Lucilius (Valeri sententia dia), and Lucretius, 3. 371; cf. II. 1. 72.

36. albi: referring to women of respectability, who are not obliged to wear the dark-colored toga of the prostitute.

37. audire est, etc.: imitated for the comic effect from Ennius, who uses this line in regard to the Roman state, of course with vultis in the affirmative.

39. corrupta, spoiled, marred.
atque haec rara cadat dura inter saepe pericla.
Hic se praecepitem tecto dedit; ille flagellis 
ad mortem caesus; fugiens hic decidit acrem 
praedonum in turbam; dedit hic pro corpore nummos; 
hunc perminxerunt calones; quin etiam illud 
accidit, ut quidam testes caudamque salacem 
demeteret ferro. 'Iure,' omnes; Galba negabat. 
Tutior at quanto merx est in classe secunda, 
libertinarum dico, Sallustius in quas 
non minus insanit, quam qui moechatur. At hic si, 
qua res, qua ratio suaderet quaque modeste 
munifico esse licet, vellet bonus atque benignus 
esse, daret quantum satis esset nec sibi damno 
dedecorique foret. Verum hoc se amplectitur uno, 
hoc amat et laudat 'Matronam nullam ego tango.' 
Vt quondam Marsaeus, amator Originis ille,
qui patrium mimae donat fundumque laremque,
'Nil fuerit mi,' inquit, 'cum uxoribus unquam alienis.'
Verum est cum mimis, est cum meretricibus, unde
fama malum gravius quam res trahit. An tibi abunde
personam satis est, non illud, quidquid ubique
officit, evitare? Bonam deperdere famam,
rem patris oblimare, malum est ubicunque. Quid inter-
est in matrona, ancilla peccesne togata?
Villius in Fausta Sullae gener, hoc miser uno
nomine deceptus, poenas dedit usque
velatumque stola, mea cum conferbuit ira?
Huic si mutonis verbis mala tanta
videntis diceret haec animus 'Quid vis tibi? Numquid ego a te
tibi abunde personam satis est, non illud, quidquid ubique
officit, evitare? Bonam deperdere famam,
rem patris oblimare, malum est ubicunque. Quid inter-
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57. fuerit: hortatory subjunctive.
59. res, property, really the same
as in v. 50, but differently expressed
in English.
60. personam, the particular
character (here matronarum), as
opposed to the ruinous vice in general,
expressed in illud, etc.
62. ubicumque, in any case, in
regard to any of the classes mentioned.
63. togata: the toga was the
necessary dress of all such women,
as the stola of the respectable
matron (cf. v. 71).
64. Villius, probably Sextus Vil-
lius Annalis, a friend of Milo, cf.
Cic. ad Fam. II. 6. 1.—in, in the
case of, as often.— Fausta, wife of
Milo and daughter of Sulla.— gene-
er: so called in jest.
65. nomine: i.e. Fausta, by
which her noble birth was indicated.
67. fore: abl. of foris.— Longa-
renus, another lover of the woman.
68. verbis, on behalf of, as the
spokesman.— videntis, i.e. suffering.
69. diceret, had said, cf. note to I.
3. 5.—animus, i.e. his passions.
71. stola: worn only by respect-
able matrons, cf. v. 29, and togata,
v. 63.
73. at: opposing the following
to the thought contained in magno,
eetc.—pugnantia, utterly at vari-
ance, cf. I. I. 102.—istis: the dative
instead of cum, in accordance with
the Greek (and perhaps also the
74. dives opis suae, rich in her
own resources, i.e. who can easily
satisfy her wants.—natura, i.e.
dispensare velis ac non fugienda petendis immiscere. Tuo vitio rerumne labores, nil referre putas? Quare, ne paeniteat te, desine matronas sectarier, unde laboris plus haurire mali est quam ex re decerpere fructus. 

Nec magis huic inter niveos viridisque lapillos, sit licet hoc, Cerinthe, tuum, tenerum est femur aut crus rectius, atque etiam melius persaepe togatae est. 

Adde huc, quod mercem sine fucis gestat, aperte quod venale habet ostendit, nec, si quid honesti est iactat habetque palam, quaerit quo turpia celet. 

Regibus hic mos est: ubi equos mercantur, opertos inspiciunt, ne, si facies, ut saepe, decora molli fulta pede est, emptorem inducat hiantem, quod pulchrae clunes, breve quod caput, ardua cervix. 

Hoc illi recte: ne corporis optima Lyncei contemplare oculis, Hypsea caecior illa, unsophisticated, not perverted by refinements.

75. dispensare, manage, i.e. use one's means with discretion. — fugienda, etc., i.e. confound right and wrong. But the words are used in the sense of the Stoic philosophy in reference to things which nature would suggest to us to seek and to avoid respectively; cf. I. 3. 114.

76. tuo: in regard to his desires, which is in his own power to control, so that the trouble arising from want of control is really his own fault. — rerum, circumstances, which it is not in his power to prevent, as it is in the other case.

77. nil referre, it makes no difference, i.e. do you think it is all the same whether you bring your misfortunes on yourself, or suffer undeservedly? — paeniteat, have reason to repent.

79. est, it is necessary, one is likely. The construction, a favorite one with Horace, seems to be imitated from the Greek.

80. huic, i.e. matronae. — lapillos: pearls and emeralds which the women of quality wear.

81. sit licet hoc . . . tuum, though this may be your taste, referring to the preceding line.

85. quo, how she may, ways to.

86. regibus, princes, nabobs, rich men, cf. II. 2. 45.

87. facies, figure, shape.

88. molli, tender, weak. — inducat, take in; a figure derived from the net or snare. — hiantem, greedy. Cf. I. 1. 71 and note.

90. illi, they, as opposed to the lover, who is less careful. — ne, so do not, lit. (I tell you this) that you may not, etc. — Lyncei (with oculis), one of the Argonauts, famous for his keen sight.

91. Hypsea, unknown.
quae mala sunt, spectes. O crus! O brachia! Verum depugis, nasuta, brevi latere ac pede longo est. Matronae praeter faciem nil cernere possis, cetera, ni Catia est, demissa veste tegentis. Si interdicta petes, vallo circumdata, nam te hoc facit insanum, multae tibi tum officient res, custodes, lectica, ciniflones, parasitae, ad talos stola demissa et circumdata palla, plurima, quae invideant pure apparere tibi rem. Altera, nil obstat: Cois tibi paene videre est ut nudam, ne crure malo, ne sit pede turpi; metiri possis oculo latus. An tibi mavis insidias fieri pretiumque avellier ante quam mercem ostendi? 'Leporem venator ut alta in nive sectetur, positum sic tangere nolit,' cantat et apponit: 'Meus est amor huic similis; nam transvolat in medio posita et fugientia captat.' Hiscine versiculis speras tibi posse dolores atque aestus curasque gravis e pectore pelli?

92. O crus: the words of the blind admirer.
93. brevi latera, short- waist ed.
95. Catia: one of Horace's favorite side hits.
96. nam te, etc.: the common and well-known longing for forbidden fruit.
98. custodes, etc.: i.e. all of this train surrounds, and so conceals her, thus exciting curiosity and desire. — ciniflones, dressing-maids, strictly servants who used the curling-tongs.
100. plurima, a thousand things. — invideant, hinder. — apparere, after the analogy of the infinitive with impedio and prohibeo. — rem, i.e. things, as they are.
101. altera: subject of quin appareat, or the like. Translate, with the other, and omit the verb as in Latin. — Cois (sc. vestibus): a transparent gauzy kind of silk garments made in Cos, and worn only by this sort of people. — est, it is possible, cf. v. 79, and II. 5. 103.
105. ut, how, with cantat.
106. postum, set before him. — sic, just as he is, without any trouble on the hunter's part. — nolit: cf. I. 1. 19.
107. cantat, quotes; the sentiment being from Callimachus, Ep. 31 (Meineke). — amor: abstract.
108. in medio posita, what is set before it, open to everybody. — fugientia captat, chases flying game, cf. I. 1. 68.
109. versiculis, lines; referring to the quotation, but treating it as a charm to conjure away the pangs of love.
110. aestus, fever. — pelli, be exorcised, charmed.
Nonne, cupidinibus statuat natura modum quem, quid latura sibi, quid sit dolitura negatum, quaerere plus prodest et inane abscindere soldo? Num, tibi cum fauces urit sitis, aurea quaeris poca? Num esuriens fastidis omnia praeter pavonem rhombumque? Tument tibi cum inguina, num, si ancilla aut verna est praesto puer, impetus in quem continuo fiat, malis tentigine rumpi?

Non ego: namque parabilem amo venerem facilemque. Illam, 'Post paulo,' 'Sed pluris,' 'Si exerit vir,' Gallis, hanc Philodemus ait sibi, quae neque magno stet pretio neque cunctetur, cum est iussa venire. Candida rectaque sit; munda hactenus, ut neque longa nee alba velit, quam dat natura, videri. Haec ubi supposuit dextro corpus mihi laevum, Ilia et Egeria est: do nomen quodlibet illi, nec vereor, ne, dum futuo, vir rure recurrat, ianua frangatur, latret canis, undique magnopulsa domus strepitu resonet, vepallida lecto desiliat mulier, miseram se conscia clamet,

111. natura: *i.e.* natural wants, as opposed to perverted desires born of an artificial civilization.

112. quid (latura), what satisfaction she will give herself.—quid negatum, what privation, etc.

113. inane, the show.—soldo, the substance (for form see Introd.).

114. num, say, or tell me.

120. illum (sc. esse): opposed to hanc, v. 121.—sed pluris, but for more money. These quotations are treated as descriptive adjectives, or epithets of the woman.

121. Gallis, the priests of Cybele. —Philodemus, an Epicurean philosopher, a contemporary of Cicero.

123. sit, should be, must be.—munda, adorned.—hactenus: as a limitation, only so far.—longa: by means of any coiffure or high heels.

124. dat, grants, *i.e.* than nature has made her.

126. Ilia, etc.: *i.e.* of the noblest birth.

129. pulsa, with his knocking.—vepallida, white as a sheet, with ve-intensive (orig. out? cf. ex).

130. miseram, etc.: in English we should keep the direct discourse, *ah, wretched me!* —conscia, her confidante, a slave, the go-between.
cruribus haec metuat, doti depensa, egomet mi.
Discincta tunica fugiendum est ac pede nudo,
ne nummi pereant aut puga aut denique fama.
Depredi miserum est; Fabio vel iudice vincam.

III.
Omnibus hoc vitium est cantoribus, inter amicos
ut numquam inducant animum cantare rogati,
iiniussi numquam desistant. Sardus habebat
ille Tigellius hoc. Caesar, qui cogere posset,

131. cruribus: for heinous offences, such as this treachery to her master would be, slaves had their legs broken on an anvil. — deprensa: the woman, who in such a case lost a part of her marriage portion.

133. denique, at any rate, even if he escapes the other misfortunes.

134. Fabio, no doubt the same philosopher mentioned in I. 1. 14, according to whose doctrine, of course as a Stoic, nothing was miserum to the sage. Yet even he would have to admit that this was. The abrupt ending after the climax in deprendi, etc., is in Horace's favorite manner. However far he may go, he stops unexpectedly, doubtless on purpose to avoid the appearance of formal preaching.

Satire 3. This satire is directed against the fault of censoriousness and the habit of detractation and disparagement of one's friends. These vices had probably increased, as often happens, with the increase of refinement and the scarcity of other objects on which to exercise men's critical faculties. Horace evidently saw that they were fatal to the social intercourse of a court, and found them the more hurtful in that they were practised in a Pharisaic spirit under the pretence of virtue. Hence the precepts of this satire. Here again the poet advances, not directly, but by a flank attack, starting off with a diatribe against a member of the court circle now dead, as if he himself were one of the detractors. Presently, however, he shows that what he has said is only an example of the disparagement which he wishes to inveigh against.

1. The poet begins with a general charge, but the emphatic position of omnibus shows that the stricture is supposed to be intended for some particular person to be mentioned later.

3. iniiussi, unbidden, uninvited. — Sardus: the word may well be supposed to have a disparaging tone, as the Sardinians were not much esteemed at Rome.

4. Tigellius: the same person who is mentioned in the second satire. — Caesar: Augustus. — posset, etc.: these subjunctives are not in the contrary-to-fact construction, but stand for present tenses transferred to past time. If we imagine them used of a case in the present, their true character is easily seen. posset, in any case, comes under the characteristic class. See A. & G. Gr. § 307. f.
5. *patris, i.e. Julius Cæsar, his adoptive father.* — *non quicquam proficeret,* he would not have the least effect.

6. *si collibuisset, if he took a fancy.* — *ab ovo usque ad mala:* i.e. from the beginning to the end, since the *promulgis* or antepast consisted of eggs and the like, and the dessert came last, as with us. If we substitute *oysters* for eggs, and *dessert* for *apples,* the translation will be tolerably near.

7. *citaret,* would shout. — *Bacchae:* from some favorite song, probably from a Greek tragedy like the *Bacchae* of Euripides. — *summa:* as the lyre was held, the deepest note was above and the highest below. Hence we must invert the words in English, referring them to pitch and not position.

8. *resonat,* accords. — *chordis:* dative.

9. *aequale,* uniform, regular, consistent. — *hominis illi, about the man.* — *qui:* sc. *currebat.*

10. *persaepe:* sc. *incedebat.* Notice the economy of words, where *currebat* is suggested by *currebat,* and its form by *ferret.* Again, some word of walking is indicated by the manner of proceeding described, but its form is determined by *currebat.*

11. *habebat:* i.e. in his train as he appeared abroad.

12. *decem:* a small number for the princely style of the Romans. Cf. I. 6. 116. — *reges, princes, rich men,* i.e. of his intercourse with them, and of matters in which they were concerned, indicating a life at courts.

13. *magna,* on a grand scale. — *modo,* now saying. — *tripes,* three-legged, as opposed to the finer tables with one support in the centre (*orbita).* — *concha salis puri:* suggesting simplicity with cleanliness and decency. There was a kind of sanctity about the saltcellar (*salinum,* which was in a manner dedicated to the household gods.

15. *decies centena:* s.c. *milia sestertium,* a million. — *dedisses,* suppose you had given or gave, a hortatory subjunctive transferred to past time.

16. *paucis,* a little.

17. *erat,* there would be. The
mane, diem totum stertebat. Nil fuit umquam sic impar sibi. — Nunc aliquis dicat mihi: 'Quid \(\text{tu}\), nullane habes vitia?' Immo alia et fortasse minora. 

Maenius absentem Novium cum carperet, 'Heus tu,' quidam ait, 'ignoras te, an ut ignotum dare nobis verba putas?' 'Egomet mi ignosco,' Maenius inquit. Stultus et improbus hic amor est, dignusque notari. Cum tua pervideas oculis mala lippus inunctis,

construction is similar to the general condition. In present time it would be, "Give him a million; in ten days there is nothing," etc., as a general character of the man.— noctis vigilabat, he would watch the night through.

18. nil, no one. The use of the neuter in this way is very common to make the statement more universal.

19. impar, inconsistent.—nunc aliquis, etc.: here the poet turns to the proper subject of the satire, representing some person who hears him as becoming indignant at this abuse of Tigellius, and asking if he himself is free from faults, that he is thus severe upon another. He thus shows that his abuse is an example of what he satirizes.— quid tu: sc. agis; but the expression has become idiomatic, and the verb is lost sight of. Trans. How about yourself?

20. immo alia, oh, no (I do not say that), but different ones.— et fortasse minora: best assigned with the two preceding words to Horace, though by some they are given to the interlocutor.

21. Maenius, etc.: Horace, as usual, illustrates his meaning by an example.— heus tu, look here, my friend.

22. quidam, one, some one, a man. Cf. aliquis, v. 19. The difference is that in the former no definite person is conceived of, while here a particular person is meant, though not described or identified.— ut ignotum (sc. te), as a stranger to us, or as if we didn’t know you, i.e. “Is it ignorance of your own character, or the hope of deceiving us, that leads you to attack another man’s faults, when you have so many of your own?” — dare verba, deceive, impose upon, a common colloquial expression.

23. egomet, etc.: the naïve answer of Maenius shows the disposition which Horace is attacking, and serves as a text for the following.— improbus, conscienceless.

24. amor, self-love.—notari, to be censured. The construction is poetic or colloquial, for which Ciceroonian prose would require ut or qui with the subjunctive. The meaning of the word comes from the mark (nota) which the censor in making up the rolls affixed to the name of any person whom he wished to remove from his position for misconduct.

25. lippus inunctis, with your blare eyes daubed with eye-salve. One is tempted to make in negative in inunctis, as if the man had weak eyes and did not care to put on the usual remedy. But there seems to be no authority for this.
cur in amicorum vitis tam cernis acutum quam aut aquila aut serpens Epidaurius? At tibi contra evenit, inquirant vitia ut tua rursus et illi.

Iracundior est paulo, minus aptus acutis naribus horum hominum; rideri possit eo, quod rusticius tonso toga defluit, et male laxus in pede calceus haeret: at est bonus, ut melior vir non alius quisquam, at tibi amicus, at ingenium ingens inculto latet hoc sub corpore. Denique te ipsum concute, num qua tibi vitiorum inseverit olim natūra, aut etiam consuetudo māla; namque

27. Epidaurius: the serpent was a special symbol of the worship of Ἀσκληπιος, and was often identified with the god himself. It was in this form that the god was supposed to have come from Epidaurus to Rome, where a temple was built to him on the island in the Tiber. The serpent was famous for keen vision (cf. the name ἄπαθων), and was supposed to possess prophetic powers. The connection here is probably only from Horace's favorite way of giving an individual instead of a class, and there is no special reference to this particular Ἀσκληπιος serpent.

28. rursus et illi, they too in turn, i.e. those you criticise.

29. iracundior, quick-tempered, an example of a case where injustice is done by this criticism, inasmuch as the subject of it cannot, like most men, disregard it, but is angered by it. — minus aptus: i.e. he has a quick temper impatient of criticism. — acutis naribus, the keen criticism, the figure derived from the natural turning up of the nose in fastidious disgust. (Cf. I. 4. 8, and I. 6. 5.)

30. horum, of our day, when this fault is so common.

31. rusticius tonso: with his hair in rustic style. — toga: the Romans paid the utmost attention to the set of the toga, plaits which were secured in a fixed position. This requirement of fashion the man neglects, letting his toga fall loosely and awry. — male laxus, loose and ill-fitting.

32. at est bonus, etc.: i.e. he has all these good qualities, which are lost sight of in this over-fastidious criticism.

34. denique, etc.: i.e. in short, learn tolerance of such minor faults by self-examination, through which you will very likely find that you have some as well.

35. concute: the figure derived from shaking out the loose garments of the ancients for purposes of search. We should say search your pockets or the like. — olim, at any time. — inseverit: by changing the voice the order of words and ideas may be kept in English.

36. namque: introducing the reason for saying consuetudo as well as natura. Even if one is free from bad habits by nature, it may happen that they have grown up unawares, like weeds in neglected ground.
neglectis urenda filix innascitur agris.

Illuc praeventamur, amatorem quod amicae turpia decipiunt caecum vitia, aut etiam ipsa haec delectant, veluti Balbinum polypus Hagnae. Vellem in amicitia sic erraremus, et isti errori nomen virtus posuisset honestum. At pater ut gnati, sic nos debemus amici si quod sit vitium non fastidire; strabonem appellat paetum pater, et pullum, male parvus si cui filius est, ut abortivus fuit olim Sisyphus; hunc varum distortis cruribus; illum balbutit scaurum pravis fultum male talis.

37. urenda, to be burned with fire.
38. illuc, to this point, referring, as often in Latin, to what follows. — praeventamur, let us turn, in preference to any other subject.
39. decipiunt, escape the notice of. Cf. fallo.
40. Balbinum: nothing is known of this case, but it explains itself.
41. vellem: notice that the wish is contrary to the actual fact.
42. virtus: i.e. philosophers in their discussions on virtue. The Stoics are particularly referred to, whose high ideal of virtue and tendency to puritanism apparently made them especially inclined to censoriousness, and against whom Horace never loses an opportunity to break a lance. Cf. v. 96 et seq. — honestum: the Stoic made "the becoming," τὸ πρέπον, i.e. what was in accordance with the nature of man and the universe, the criterion of virtue. Of this expression honestum is the Latin translation, and the word is here used with reference to this technical sense. Hence it means virtuous, but as virtue is best translated virtue, we may translate honorable. At any rate, the whole means, 'that Ethics had reckoned this among the virtues,' which of course in the Stoic school it could not do.
43. gnati, with his son, changing the construction to keep the emphasis and the order of the words.
44. fastidire, be too critical. — strabonem: the point of the passage lies in the fact that the descriptive words, most of which are real Roman names, are of two classes, the first denoting an excessive degree of the quality referred to, and the second a slight degree, with which latter class the fond father nicknames his son. — strabonem, his "cock-eyed" son. All the names should be given in Latin with the translation.
47. Sisyphus: a famous dwarf, kept by Mark Antony. Such persons were very common in the suites of the Roman nobles, acting as jesters. — varum, little Bandy-legs.
48. balbutit, calls in childish accents. — scaurum, little Stumpy, properly with misshapen ankles. — male, sadly (with pravis).
Parcius hic vivit, frugi dicatur. Ineptus et iactantior hic paulo est, concinnus amicis postulat ut videatur. At est truculentior atque plus aequo liber; simplex fortisque habeatur. Caldior est; acris inter numeretur. Opinor, haec res et iungit, iunctos et servat amicos.

At nos virtutes ipsas invertimus, atque sincerum cupimus vas incrustare. Probus quis nobiscum vivit, multum demissus homo; illi tardo cognomen pingui damus. Hic fugit omnis insidias nullique malo latus obdit apertum, cum genus hoc inter vitae versetur, ubi acris invidia atque vigent ubi crimina; pro bene sano ac non incauto fictum astutumque vocamus.

Simplicior quis et est, qualem me saepe libenter

49. parcius: in the same way the moral qualities are expressed by two sets of epithets, one exaggerating, the other extenuating, the fault. — frugi, thrifty. — ineptus, an ass; strictly, wanting in the sense of propriety, and so putting himself forward in the manner which we speak of as "making an ass of one's self." (Cf. Cic. de Or. II. 4. 17.)

50. iactantior, forward. — concinnus, agreeable, i.e. making an effort to be prominent in amusing one's friends.

52. liber, free-spoken. — simplex, frank. — fortis, fearless, not afraid to speak his mind.

53. acris, high-spirited.—opinor, I fancy, I take it, with its cognates used of a mere notion not thoroughly thought out or well-founded, though of course it may be true.

55. invertimus, distort; lit. tip them upside down so as to make vices of them.

56. sincerum, etc.: the figure is derived from the tartar which forms on the inside of a wine-jar. — cupimus, we are eager, always a stronger word than volo, etc. — probus quis, some good honest, etc., as an honorable epithet, but with a suggestion of want of spirit. Cf. silly (originally good), bonhomme, good-natured, and New-England clever, as well as the translation suggested.


58. tardo, pingui, stupid and dull. The text authority for illi, and the parallelism of the following clauses, indicate that this is the true meaning, in spite of many objections that can be made.

59. nulli malo, to no man's hostile thrust. — malo, masculine.

60. cum genus, etc.: giving the reason and excuse for the caution.

61. vigent, are rife. — sano, a level-headed man.

63. simplicior, thoughtless, outspoken. — et, again.
obtulerim tibi, Maecenas, ut forte legementem aut tacitum impellat quovis sermone; 'Molestus; communi sensu plane caret,' inquimus. Eheu, quam temere in nosmet legem sancimus iniquam! Nam vitiis nemo sine nascitur; optimus ille est qui minimis urgetur. Amicus dulcis, ut aequum est, cum mea compenset vitis bona; pluribus hisce (si modo plura mihi bona sunt) inclinet, amari si volet; hac lege in trutina ponetur eadem. Qui ne tuberibus propriis offendat amicum postulat, ignoscet verrucis illius; aequum est peccatis veniam poscentem reddere rursus.

Denique, quatenus excidi penitus vitium irae, cetera item nequeunt stultis haerentia, cur non ponderibus modulisque suis ratio utitur, ac res ut quaeque est, ita suppliciis delicta coercet? Si quis eum servum, patinam qui tollere iussus

65. tacitum, in silent thought.—quovis sermone: taken with impellat. Probably molestus also belongs in the same clause, but it means the same thing taken with the following, the bore, he is absolutely, etc.

66. communi sensu: the universal feeling belonging to mankind of the fitness of things, sense of propriety.

67. temere, thoughtlessly.—sancimus, set up.—iniquam, harsh and unkind.

70. cum mea, etc.: set off my good qualities against, etc.

71. amari si volet, if he wishes me to love him.

72. hac lege, on this condition, these terms.—in trutina, etc., weighed in the same balance.

73. tuberibus, verrucis, warts (properly wens), pimplcs, reducing the scale somewhat, but keeping the proportion. The Romans seem to have been very subject to wens and similar excrescences of larger size to which we are not liable.

75. poscentem, for one asking: reddere (sc. veniam) rursus, to render the like again.

76. quatenus: cf. I. I. 64.—irae: perhaps this fault is chosen because it is regarded as not necessarily a vice, but possibly a virtue, by the Peripatetics.

77. stultis: here in its technical meaning, as opposed to sapiens, the ideal (and, as Horace would intimate, impossible) Stoic sage.

78. ponderibus, etc.: here first crops out plainly the opposition to the Stoic school, of which Horace is thinking doubtless throughout, though he has not till now clearly referred to it. Cf. v. 96.

79. coercet suppliciis, visit with punishment.
semesos piscis tepidumque ligurrierit ius
in cruce suffigat, Labeone insanior inter sanos dicatur. Quanto hoc furiosius atque maius peccatum est: paulum deliquit amicus, quod nisi concedas, habeare insuavis, acerbus: odisti, et fugis ut Rusonem debitor aeris, qui nisi, cum tristes misero venere Kalendae, mercedem aut nummos undeunde extricat, amaras porrecto iugulo historias captivus ut audit. Comminxit lectum potus, mensave catillum Evandri manibus tritum deiecit: ob hanc rem, aut positum ante mea quia pullum in parte catini sustulit esuriens, minus hoc iucundus amicus sit mihi? Quid faciam si furtum fecerit, aut si

81. ligurrierit, gobble up, a very common offence of slaves everywhere. Cf. "Massa's nigger, Massa's meat," an old negro saying.

82. in cruce, the common way of punishing slaves with death. — Labeone: it is not known what Labeo is referred to, but it is enough to guess that either his was a well-known case of insanity, or that Horace, as often, gives him a thrust in passing in regard to some conduct which would bear the appearance of a craze.

85. acerbus, embittered, along with insuavis after habeare.

86. ut Rusonem, etc., as the man that owes him money does Ruso, evidently a usurer who had unsuccessful literary aspirations in the line of history. This is another of Horace's side thrusts.

87. Kalendae: the first of the month was the most common day for payment.

88. mercedem, the interest. — nummos, the money, i.e. the principal. — extricat, scrapes together. — amaras, dreary.

89. porrecto, etc.: the position for execution, as of a prisoner of war awaiting his doom, a situation which Horace no doubt has in his mind in his description of the poor man bored to death. It is, however, only a kind of passing thought of his, and not to be insisted on too strongly.

90. potus, in his cups.

91. Evandri: there are two possible explanations of this name, either as a famous potter, in which case the dish is valuable for its intrinsic excellence; or as the ancient king, in which case there is a humorous indication of its age. The second seems the better. Cf. II. 3. 21.

92. mea in parte catini: there is no indication that the Romans used plates as we do. They no doubt ate with their fingers from small dishes on the table which stood in the centre of the triclinium.

93. esuriens, in his hunger. — minus hoc iucundus, etc.: i.e. "Shall I renounce his friendship?"

94. furtum fecerit, the technical phrase.
prodiderit commissa fide sponsumve negarit?

Quis paria esse fere placuit peccata, laborant cum ventum ad verum est; sensus moresque repugnant atque ipsa utilitas, iusti prope mater et aequi. Cum prorepserunt primis animalia terris, mutum et turpe pecus, glandem atque cubilia propter unguius et pugnis, dein fustibus, atque ita porro pugnabant armis, quae post fabricaverat usus, donec verba, quibus voces sensusque notarent,

95. commissa fide (dat.), a trust. The two classes of offences are of course made as different in enormity as possible, to bring out more fully the absurdity of the Stoic paradox in v. 96.

96. quis: the constant use of this old form in the satires is an indication of their colloquial character. — The connection of thought is: Such offences are recognized as of different magnitude by every one, and though the Stoic may preach in theory the paradox paria, etc., as an answer to Horace's view, yet when we come to real life (ad verum), he gets into trouble.

97. sensus, our feelings, our sense of right and wrong, almost equal to "instincts" or "conscience." — mores, habits, our customary mode of life. — repugnant, rebel, or protest.

98. utilitas, utility (as a technical philosophical term), or selfish advantage, i.e. the selfish interests of mankind, from which, he goes on to say, the ideas of right and wrong have risen through the making of laws to protect these interests.

99. cum prorepserunt, etc.: the doctrine of the development of society, in accordance generally with the notions of the ancients as to the origin of man, but especially of the Epicurean school. Cf. Lucretius, V. 780 seq. The chief point is, that the law of the strongest alone obtained at the outset, though the Stoic would perhaps not admit that right did not exist because the inhabitants of the earth were not able or inclined to practise it. The argument is, however, not the mere setting of one dogma against another, but an explanation of utilitas iusti mater in accordance with what was in the main the generally received opinion.

100. mutum, dumb, speechless, and so unable to defend his rights in any other way than by fighting. — turpe, shapeless, unsightly, in accord with the Epicurean notion of development from lower animals. — glandem atque cubilia: i.e. for food and lodging, to supply their natural wants from Nature's store in which there was as yet no individual property.

101. unguius, etc.: not having learned to make better weapons. — fustibus: one step in advance, at least an acquired, not a natural, weapon. — atque ita porro, etc.: and so they went on, till experience taught them the manufacture of arms. But still there could be no society and no rights until they invented language, which made association possible.

103. verba nominaque, words (to express ideas) and names (to assign to things). — voces sensusque, almost equal to ideas and sen-
nominaque invenere; dehinc absistere bello, oppida coeperunt munire et ponere leges, ne quis fur esset, neu latro, neu quis adulter. Nam fuit ante Helenam cunnus taeterrima belli causa; sed ignotis perierunt mortibus illi, quos venerem incertam rapientis more ferarum viribus editor caedebat, ut in grege taurus. Iura inventa metu inusti fateare necesse est, tempora si fastosque velis evolvere mundi. Nec natura potest iusto secernere iniquum, dividit ut bona diversis, fugienda petendis; nec vincet ratio hoc, tantundem ut peccet idemque qui teneros caules alieni fregerit horti, et qui nocturnus sacra divom legerit. Adsit regula, peccatis quae poenas inroget aequas.

sations, i.e. predications and conceptions.

104. dehinc, etc.: i.e. as soon as language made association possible, they exchanged a state of war for mutual rights and individual property, in order peaceably to satisfy their primal appetites, and protect themselves in the possession of the means for this satisfaction.

107. nam fuit, etc.: explanatory of neu quis adulter. For lust must have caused war long before the famous case of Helen, but as marriages were not established, no rights were violated, and the wars were never celebrated in song.

109. venerem incertam rapientis, satisfying by violence unregulated passion.

110. editor, the superior. — caedebat, fell at the hands of, or were slain by.

111. inusti: neuter, cf. iusto, vv. 113 and 98.

112. tempora, history (in its chronological development). — fastos, records (in chronological order).

113. natura, i.e. the natural instincts, distinguishing by means of the senses.

114. bona diversis, good things from their opposites, speaking in reference to the natural instincts which are supposed to teach living creatures through the senses what is good for them. — fugienda petendis, things to be shunned from objects of desire, used in the same sense as the preceding, but more technical.

115. vincet, can sustain, with hoc as a cognate accusative. — tantundem et idem, in the same degree and kind.

117. legerit, steals, an old sense preserved in legal phrase, and also in sacrilegus.

118. regula, a sliding scale, properly a straight-edge. — inroget, inflict, the use of the word being derived from punishment inflicted by the vote of the people, to whom, by early Roman custom, was submitted (rogare) the bill for the punishment of offenders.
ne scutica dignum horribili sectere flagello. Nam, ut ferula caedas meritum maiora subire verbera, non vereor, cum dicas esse pares res furta latrociniiis, et magnis parva mineris falce recisurum simili te, si tibi regnum permittant homines. Si dives qui sapiens est, et sutor bonus et solus formosus et est rex, cur optas quod habes? 'Non nosti quid pater,' inquit, 'Chrysippus dicat: "Sapiens crepidas sibi numquam

119. scutica, the whip, an instrument of whipping more severe than the rod (ferula), and less so than the scourge (flagellum), which last had pieces of metal attached to its lashes.

120. ut caedas: the regular grammar requires ne (as the clause must be affirmative), and no explanation of the irregularity is satisfactory. Perhaps Horace allows himself a popular construction, i.e. a mistake in grammar. The meaning of course is, "I say the rule is needed to prevent too great severity, for there is no fear that the Stoic principle will lead to too great indulgence." A similar use of ut occurs in Livy, 28. 22, where, as here, the ut clause precedes.

122. fusta, without violence. — latrociniiis, accompanied by force. The same distinction exists between theft and robbery. — magnis, with simili (cf. "hair like the Graces").

123. falce, etc.: i.e. punishment, regarded as a pruning away of the vices of the State. — tibi: i.e. the Stoic, against whom the whole argument is aimed, and against whose follies and unfitness for social life the remainder of the satire is directed. The transition is afforded by the words which Horace quotes, as it were from the Stoic: "I would prune away, etc., if men would make me king," implying a wish to be so (hence optas, v. 126). Horace then replies, "According to your doctrine, you are a king already." To which the Stoic replies, "The Stoic doctrine is not that a sapiens is an actual king, but only a king in posse." Thus the Stoic shows the inapplicability of his own doctrines to actual life, which is the effect Horace wishes to produce, in order to nullify the excuse which the Stoic views give for censoriousness and harshness.

124. si dives, etc.: the Stoic paradox is, θετί κύνον δ θοφός πιλόνιοια, σολομ σαπιεντεμ esse divitem. See Cic. Paradox, VI.

125. sutor: alluding to the perfection of the sapiens in all directions, but containing in itself a reductio ad absurdum. — formosus: of course the perfect man must possess perfect physical beauty among his other perfections. — rex: according to the Stoic doctrine, the sapiens is king, and all others are slaves. (Cf. Ep. I. 1. 106.)

126. pater, the venerable.

127. Chrysippus: the second great expounder of the Stoic views, so famous that it was said, ει μη γαρ ἃν ἄρχωντος, οὐκ ἃν ἄν ξτο. — sapiens, etc.: the Stoic is represented as explaining the doctrine of the existence in perfection of all qualities in the sapiens by a ridicu-
nec soleas fecit, sutor tamen est sapiens."' Qui?
'Vt, quamvis tacet Hermogenes, cantor tamen atque optimus est modulator; ut Alfenus vafer, omni abiecto instrumento artis clausaque taberna, sutor erat; sapiens operis sic optimus omnis est opifex solus, sic rex.' Vellunt tibi barbam lascivi pueri; quos tu nisi fuste coerces, urgeris turba circum te stante, miserque rumperis, et latras, magnorum maxime regum!
Ne longum faciam: dum tu quadrante lavatum rex ibis, neque te quisquam stipator ineptum praeter Crispinum sectabitur, et mihi dulces ignoscent, si quid peccaro stultus, amici, inque vicem illorum patiar delicta libenter, privatusque magis vivam te rege beatus.

lous example, thus, of course, belittling the argument.

129. Hermogenes, probably the person referred to in 2. 3.
130. Alfenus: no doubt a side hit at a rich usurer, probably, who had once been a cobbler, said to be from Cremona, now dead.
133. vellunt, etc.: the meaning is, "Well, enjoy your imaginary royalty (i.e. your Stoic doctrine which makes you a king), and reject the elegances of social life; appear as a philosopher in the streets to be the butt of the street-boys, and howl at the vices of mankind till you burst. Meanwhile I, adopting a more accommodating doctrine, will enjoy the pleasures of social intercourse, indulging my friends with charity, and being indulged in return."—barbam: the long beard, no doubt from adherence to an old fashion, but favored also as indicating want of care of the person, was generally characteristic of philosophers, especially of the Cynics and Stoics.

134. fuste: the philosopher regularly carried a staff, probably following the old fashion.
135. urgeris: to the stately Roman nothing could be more insulting than to be hustled in the crowd, and the picture is intended to show the degrading contrast between his royalty and his actual life.
136. rumperis, you burst with rage.—latras, howl, i.e. at the crowd. There is a special reference to the Cynics, so called from κύου.
137. quadrante, a farthing; i.e. you go to the common bath instead of enjoying the luxuries of the rich.
138. stipator, companion, the regular word for a person belonging to an escort or suite, either as a friend or a satellite.—ineptum: with Crispinum.
139. Crispinum: cf. I. 120.—et, correlative with -que, v. 141.—dulces, kindly.
140. patiar, put up with.
141. te: in prose quam tu.
IV.

Eupolis atque Cratinus Aristophanesque poetae, atque alii, quorum comoedia prisca virorum est, si quis erat dignus describi, quod malus ac fur, quod moechus foret aut sicarius aut aliqui famosus, multa cum libertate notabant. Hinc omnis pendet Lucilius, hosce secutus mutatis tantum pedibus numerisque, facetus, emunctae naris, durus componere versus. Nam fuit hoc vitiosus: in hora saepe ducentos, ut magnum, versus dictabat stans pede in uno; cum fluere lutulentus, erat quod tollere velles; garrulus atque piger scribendi ferre laborem, scribendi recte; nam ut multum, nil moror. — Ecce,

SATIRE 4. An answer to Horace's critics, and defence of his form of composition.

1. Eupolis, etc.: he begins with the origin of satire, connecting it with the Old Comedy of Athens, of which the three names mentioned are the greatest.

2. prisca: used technically of the Old Comedy, which introduced actual persons upon the stage in order to cast ridicule upon them.

5. notabant, stigmatized. See 3. 24.

6. hinc = ab his.— pendet, springs, i.e. he is an imitation of them, and so hangs on them, or is supported by them. (Cf. "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.")

7. pedibus: using the hexameter instead of the iambic measure. — numeris, measures, the same idea in another form.

8. emunctae naris, of keen sense, lit. with his nose free from obstruction, so that his scent is keen.— durus, etc.: it would seem that his critics had compared him with Lucilius to his disadvantage, and he proceeds to state the defects of that poet.

10. ut magnum, as a great feat, i.e. he regarded easy and rapid composition as the great object to be attained in art, rather than elegance and polish.— pede in uno: proverbial, not changing his position (just as we say "at a stretch") from one foot to the other.

11. fluere lutulentus, hurried on with turbid flow. — tollere: the figure is of a freshet carrying all sorts of foreign matter in its course, much of which is worthless, and so ought to be removed. (But cf. Quintil. X. I. 94.)

12. garrulus, wordy.

13. ut multum: sc. scripsit. — nil moror: a colloquial expression for "I don't care," "I don't mind." — ecce, etc.: to show his disregard of rapidity in writing,
Crispinus minimo me provocat: 'Accipe, si vis, accipiam tabulas; detur nobis locus, hora, custodes; videamus uter plus scribere possit.'

'Di bene fecerunt, inopis me quodque pusilli finxerunt animi, raro et perpauc loquentis; at tu conclusas hircinis follibus auras, usque laborantis dum ferrum molliat ignis, ut mavis, imitare.' Beatus Fannius, ultro delatis capsis et imagine, cum mea nemo scripta legat, volgo recitare timentis ob hanc rem, quod sunt quos genus hoc minime iuvat, utpote pluris culpari dignos. Quemvis media elige turba:

Horace represents a challenge to himself from the loquacious moralizer Crispinus (see I. 120) to show his skill in writing. At the same time he disparages this branch of skill by making a poetaster like Crispinus excel him in it.

14. minimo, at great odds, lit. with a very small wager on my part.

17. di bene, etc.: an expression of thankfulness, — Horace's answer to Crispinus' challenge. — inopis, pusilli animi, with an unproductive (opp. to copiosi) and unspiriting (opp. to magni) intellect. — quodque, etc.: the full construction would be quod inopis, quoque pusilli, etc. The expression of the second quod with -que, thus implying the first, is almost a mannerism with Horace. Cf. v. 115.

18. raro, in reference to pusilli, perpauc, in reference to inopis, speaking rarely, and very little at that.

20. laborantis, puffing away. — dum ferrum, etc.: only to complete the picture.

21. imitare, imperative. — Fannius, a poet of the clique opposed to Horace, but otherwise unknown. The sense is, "Happy the popular poet, like Fannius, whose admirers present him, etc." The poet now turns from the criticism of Lucilius to a discussion of the difference between himself and the popular poets of the day, and explains why he is not popular.

22. delatis capsis et imagine: with his works and bust offered for sale without his asking, i.e. he is so popular that the booksellers voluntarily put his books on the market as an advantageous speculation. The reference is certainly to sales of the books, but whether by Fannius himself or the booksellers is not quite so clear, more likely the latter.

22. nemo: opposed to the popularity of Fannius, as indicated by the preceding act of his admirers.

23. legat, reads, by himself. — recitare: the regular word for public reading, which was the common method at that time of bringing out an author's works. — timentis, agreeing with the genitive implied in mea.

24. genus hoc, i.e. satire. — pluris, the greater part. In English we must supply a verb, but the Latin construction is a kind of apposition.
aut ob avaritiam aut misera ambitione laborat;  
hic nuptarum insanit amoribus, hic puerorum;  
hunc capitis argenti splendor; stupet Albius aere;  
hic mutat merces surgente a sole ad eum quo  
vespertina tepet regio, quin per mala praeeeps  
fertur, uti pulvis collectus turbine, ne quid  
summa deperdat metuens aut ampliet ut rem.  
omnes hi metuunt versus, odere poetas.  

'Faenum habet in cornu, longe fuge; dummodo risum  
excutiat sibi, non hic cuiquam parect amico;  
et quocumque semel chartis illeverit, omnis  
gestiet a furno redeuntis scire lacuque  
et pueros et anus.' Agedum, pauca accipe contra.  

Primum ego me illorum dederim quibus esse poetas  
excerpam numero: neque enim concluere versum  
dixeris esse satis; neque si quis scribat, uti nos,  
sermoni propriarum, putes hunc esse poetam.  
Ingenium cui sit, cui mens divinior atque os  

26. laborat, is troubled with, a  
regular word for diseases.  
28. hunc capitis, is captivated (as  
better English). — stupet, is dazed  
by the beauty of; i.e. has an admiration  
which amounts to a craze.  
29. hic mutat, etc.: i.e. voyages  
as a trader to the farthest East and  
the farthest West.  
30. mala, dangers, sufferings.  
32. ampliet ut, here in the  
proper meaning of the construction,  
that he may not, etc.  
33. metuunt: because they are  
conscious of being proper subjects  
of satire.  
34. faenum, etc.: a mark of  
dangerous cattle. It may be translated  
literally, or, abandoning the  
details of the figure, by, He's a  
vicious brute. — longe fuge, keep  
well away from him, like "give  
him a wide berth."  
37. a furno redeuntis, etc.: i.e.  
the common crowd in the street, as  
they went to get bread or water,  
things which the better classes  
would provide in their own houses.  
These errands were no doubt occa-  
sions for gossip.  
39. primum ego me, etc.: i.e.  
first, Horace doesn't claim to be a  
poet, so that the rules of the art of  
poetry don't apply to him. He  
thus avoids criticism as to his style.  
40. concluere versum, round  
off verses, i.e. make metrical lines  
by bringing them to a proper con-  
clusion.  
41. dixeris: an apodosis, but the  
indefinite second person singular  
regularly has the subjunctive.  
42. sermoni, conversation.  
43. ingenium, talent. — mens  
divinior, an inspired genius. — os  
magna sonaturum, a grand and
magna sonaturum, des nominis huius honorem. Idcirco quidam comoedia necne poema esset quaesivere, quod acer spiritus ac vis nec verbis nec rebus inest, nisi quod pede certo differt sermoni, sermo merus. ‘At pater ardens saevit, quod meretrice nepos insanus amica filius uxorem grandi cum dote recuset, ebrius et, magnum quod dedecus, ambulet ante noctem cum facibus.’ Numquid Pomponius istis audiret leviora, pater si viveret? Ergo non satis est puris versum perscribere verbis, quem si dissolvas, quivis stomachetur eodem quo personatus pacto pater. His, ego quae nunc, olim quae scripsit Lucilius, eripias si tempora certa modosque, et quod prius ordine verbum est posterius facias, praeponens ultima primis,

lofty style. As all poetry was originally to be sung, the Latin retains figures in reference to its style derived from sound which we have lost.

45. quidam: the Alexandrine grammarians.

46. acer spiritus, a lively inspiration.

47. verbis, in the diction.—rebus, in the matter.—pede certo, by its fixed measure.

48. sermo, in apposition with comoedia.—at pater, etc.: the objection of one who maintains that comedy has passages of poetry in it. A very common scene in comedy is that of the angry father under the circumstances here referred to.

49. nepos, spendthrift, used as an adjective.

51. ambulet: a common form of revelry was the comissatio, in which the drinkers after a supper paraded through the city with torches, committing all sorts of wild disorder. Here it is done even before night, the intoxicated youth doing it without shame in broad daylight.

52. numquid Pomponius, etc.: the reply is that any dissolute young man would be addressed in the same way in real life; but to express this Horace takes an actual case of a young man of this kind, thus satirizing him as well as making out his own point. These side thrusts are very characteristic of the poet.

53. ergo: the reasoning is, if comedy has only the language of real life, it cannot be called poetry though put into metrical form.

55. dissolvas, i.e. change the order so that the metre disappears. Cf. v. 60.

56. his, etc.: in the same way Lucilius and Horace use only the language of common conversation put into metre; whereas in the extract from Ennius in v. 60, there is a poetic diction, and the thoughts suggested are on a higher plane than the language of common life.
non, ut si solvas 'Postquam Discordia tactra belli ferratos postis portasque refregit', invenias etiam disiecti membra poetae.

Hactenus haec: alias iustum sit necne poema, nunc illud tantum quaeram, meritone tibi sit suspectum genus hoc scribendi. Sulcius acer ambulat et Caprius, rauci male cumque libellis, magnus uterque timor latronibus; at bene si quis et vivat puris manibus, contemnat utrumque. 

Vt sis tu similis Caeli Birrique latronum, non ego sum Capri neque Sulci: cur metuas me?

Nulla taberna meos habeat neque pilā libellos, quis manus insudet volgi Hermogenisque Tigelli: nec recito cuiquam nisi amicis, idque coactus, non ubivis coramve quibuslibet. In medio qui scripta foro recitent sunt multi, quique lavantes: suave locus voci resonat conclusus. Inanis hoc iuvat, haud illud quaerentis, num sine sensu, tempore num faciant alieno. 'Laedere gaudes,'

62. etiam, still.
63. hactenus haec, so much for that point.—iustum, properly, i.e. according to the rights and laws of poetry.
64. suspectum, viewed with suspicion, an allusion to v. 24.
65. Sulcius, etc.: the idea is that those informers who plied a trade in bringing accusations are a terror only to evil-doers, and one would expect the argument to continue: if you are honest men, you have no reason to fear me; but instead of that the poet turns sharply, and says in v. 69, "Though you have all the vices of the worst men, still you need not fear me, for I am no informer."
66. ambulat, walks abroad.—rauci, i.e. with pleading.—libellis, their indictments.

71. nulla taberna, etc.: the distinction is that Horace does not publish his strictures.—pīla: the manuscripts were hung or placed out by the pillars to be inspected. —habeat: a weak hortatory, only implying determination.
73. nec recito: i.e. he does not even read in public, but only for the amusement of friends, when urged.
75. recitent, etc.: others are fond of reading in public in the Forum and at the public baths, because they like to hear themselves in the enclosed space, which gives a resonance to their elocution, regardless of tact or time.
78. laedere gaudes: another point made by his enemies, that he is malicious in his satires, in answer
inquis, 'et hoc studio pravus facis.' Vnde petetur hoc in meiacis? Est auctor quis denique eorum vixi cum quibus? 'Absentem qui rodit amicum, qui non defendit, alio culpante, solutos qui captat risus hominum famamque dicacis, fingere qui non visa potest, commissa tacere qui nequit, hic niger est, hunc tu, Romane, caveto.'

Saepe tribus lectis videas cenare quaternos, e quibus unus amet quavis aspergere cunctos praeter eum qui praebet aquam; post hunc quoque potus, condita cum verax aperit praecordia Liber. Hic tibi comis et urbanus liberque videtur, infesto nigris; ego si risi, quod ineptus pastillos Rufillus olet, Gargonius hircum, lividus et mordax videor tibi? Mentio si qua de Capitolini furtis iniecta Petilli

to which he calls in the evidence of his friends, asking his detractors where they get that stone to throw at him, i.e. the authority for such an accusation (auctor).

81. absentem, etc.: the objector answers: "Your satire shows it; a man who satirizes is a malicious person, and should be shunned by every honest Roman."

85. niger, the black-hearted slanderer.—Romane, honest Roman, alluding to the supposed honorable character of the Romans, as opposed to other nations.

86. saepe tribus, etc.: as the usual number was nine a larger company is indicated, of whom no one is safe from the malice of the detractor.

87. aspergere, to bespatter.

88. aquam: of course the host is referred to. Water, to mix with wine and for the washing of hands, which was necessary in the Roman manner of eating, played a more prominent part at a Roman feast than with us.

89. condita praecordia, the hidden secrets of the heart.

90. hic tibi, etc.: i.e. such a fellow seems to you, pretending to be the enemy of slanderers in literature, only an agreeable companion, witty and outspoken; whereas my sportive jests upon the follies of men seem to you expressions of envy, hatred, and malice.

92. See 2. 27.

93. mentio si qua, etc.: a still more striking example of malicious slander in social intercourse under pretence of friendship is introduced to show what that vice really is, and by the contrast to show Horace's freedom from it. Cf. vv. 100 and 101.

94. Capitolini: Petillius is so called in derision on account of his stealing gold from the statue of Jupiter on the Capitol, for which crime he was tried, but escaped through the influence of Augustus.
te coram fuerit, defendas, ut tuus est mos:  
'Me Capitolinus convictore usus amicoque  
a puero est, causaque mea permulta rogatus  
fecit, et incolmis laetor quod vivit in urbe;  
sed tamen admiror, quo pacto iudicium illud  
fugerit.' 

Hic nigrae sucus loliginis, haec est  
aerugo mera. Quod vitium procul afore chartis,  
atque animo prius, ut si quid promittere de me  
possum aliuìd vere promitto. Libeius si  
dixero quid, si forte iocosius, hoc mihi iuris  
cum venia dabis: insuevit pater optimus hoc me,  
ut fugerem exìmplis vitiorum quaeque notando.  
Cum me hortaretur, parce frugaliter atque  
viverem uti contentus eo quod mi  
ipse parasset, ut fugerem exìmplis vitiorum quaeque  
notando.

96. convictore usus, etc.: has enjoyed my intimacy and friendship. — causa, etc.: i.e. "I owe much to him."

98. incolmis . . . in urbe, instead of losing his citizenship and being exiled, as he would have been if convicted.

100. nigrae sucus loliginis, i.e. the essence of black malignity. The figure is from the excretion of the cuttlefish from which India ink is made. Cf. hic niger est, v. 85.

101. aerugo mera, pure verdigris: comparing slander to rust eating into bronze, etc., which rust appears to do. Cf. A. P. 330.

102. animo, from my heart. — prius, to begin with: not having it in his heart he could not put it down on paper. — ut si quid, etc., as truly as I can, etc., lit. I promise, as I promise, in case I can promise any thing (else) truly.

103. liberius, with too much free-

104. hoc iuris, this privilege.

105. insuevit, etc.: giving a reason why he should be indulged in his habit of satire, and at the same time showing that there is no malice in his strictures because it is for a moral purpose. — hoc, i.e. ut fugerem.

106. exemplis notando, by censoring them through examples, — the manner of insuevit.

107. hortaretur: the so-called subjunctive of repeated action. Cicero would have used the indicative.

108. contentus eo, etc.: i.e. with that style of living which was within the income that his father had left him; not living in the style of the spendthrifts mentioned below.

110. magnum documentum, an urgent warning: the words are in a kind of apposition with the preceding clauses. A. & G. 240, 8.
perdere quis velit.’ A turpi meretricis amore cum deterreret: ‘Scetani dissimilis sis.’

Ne sequerer moechas, concessa cum venere uti possem: ‘Deprensi non bella est fama Treboni,’ aiebat. ‘Sapiens, vitatu quidque petitu sit melius, causas reddet tibi; mi satis est, si traditum ab antiquis morem servare tuamque, dum custodis eges, vitam famamque tueri incolunem possum; simul ac duraverit aetas membra animunque tuum, nabis sine cortice.’ Sic me formabat puerum dictis; et sive iubebat ut facerem quid: ‘Habes auctorem, quo facias hoc,’ unum ex iudicibus selectis obiciebat; sive vetabat: ‘An hoc inhonestum et inutile factu necne sit addubites, flagret rumore malo cum

111. ne quis velit: an expression of prohibition borrowed from the laws. Cf. the common noli facere.
— meretricis: this seems a contradiction to what follows, but the kind of person here referred to is the mistress, corresponding to the Parisian woman of the demi monde, to whom a lasting attachment was disapproved.
112. moechas, faithless wives, married women.
113. deprensi Treboni: an example from real life.
114. sapiens, the philosopher, as opposed to the plain practical man.
— quidque: the -que, implies an omitted quid before. Cf. v. 17. quid, depending on the ethical question implied though not expressed in causas, may be rendered, as to what.
115. causas, the theory, lit. the reasons, as a philosophical basis of ethics.
116. morem, the mode of life.
117. duraverit, has matured.
118. dictis, by his precepts.
119. auctorem, an example, properly a voucher for such a course of conduct. Cf. auctor, v. 80.
120. iudicibus selectis: the praetor urbanus made a list of the persons qualified to sit as judices (jurors) in criminal cases, in which selection they used their discretion, so that naturally the body would be supposed to be composed of respectable citizens, and for the most part of equites and senators, though in Horace’s time other classes were also admitted. Cf. Praetores urbani, qui iurati debent optimum quemque in selectos indices referre. Cic. pro Cluent. xlili. 121.
121. an, what! as often, introducing the real second member of a double question where the first is omitted, “Will you not decide this question or will you still doubt,” etc. — inutile, injurious.
122. flagret, etc. ill-fame runs like wild-fire, of this man and that.
hic atque ille?\) Avidos vicinum funus ut aegros examimat, mortisque metu sibi parcere cogit, sic teneros animos aliena opprobria saepe absterrent vitis. Ex hoc ego sanus ab illis perniciem quaecumque ferunt mediocribus et quis ignoscas vitiis tenor; fortassit et istinc largiter abstulerit longa aetas, liber amicus, consilium proprium: neque enim, cum lectulus aut me porticus exceptit, desum mihi. ‘Rectius hoc est.’

Hoc faciens vivam melius.’ ‘Sic dulcis amicis occurram.’ ‘Hoc quidam non belle; numquid ego illi imprudens olim faciam simile?’ Haec ego mecum compressis agito labris; ubi quid datur oti, illudo chartis. Hoc est mediocribus illis ex vitiis unum; cui si concedere nolis, multa poetarum veniet manus auxilio quae sit mihi (nam multo plures sumus), ac veluti te Iudaei cogemus in hanc concedere turbam.

126. avidos, greedy, over-eating.
127. sibi parcere, take care of themselves.
128. teneros, youthful (and plastic). Cf. duraverit, v. 119.
130. mediocribus, i.e. and only by these.
131. et istinc = ex istis: the beginning of a statement of the reason why Horace continues the custom derived from his father.
133. consilium, determination, resulting from his own reflection.-
134. desum, do I neglect myself.
136. hoc quidam, etc.: Horace thus connects his strictures with his own self-improvement. Of course this is not to be taken too literally, as appears by his jest in the following.—numquid, etc., I hope I shall not, etc.
138. agito, I turn over.—datur, is allowed me.
139. inludo, I playfully jot down.—hoc est, etc.: after representing this proceeding as an effort at self-culture, he jocosely says that this fault of writing down his meditations is a pardonable fault, one of those he has not been able to cure himself of.
141. multa, etc.: a droll form of vengeance, forcing his critic to join him in the same offence, the suggestion of which ends his satire with a jest, as usual, and removes all appearance of formal preaching.
142. nam multo, etc.: in the
Egressum magna me accepit Aricia Roma
hospitio modico; rhetor comes Heliodorus,
Graecorum longe doctissimus; inde Forum Appi,
differtum nautis cauponibus atque malignis.
Hoc iter ignavi divisimus, altius ac nos

The interest of the work is chiefly anti-
quarian, rather than literary, except
so far as it gives some light upon
Horace's person and character. But
from the personal interest felt in the
poet the Satire has always been a
favorite; and indeed, in the scarcity
of unaffected personal narrative of
ancient times, may well be so still.

1. Aricia, the first stopping-place
for the night on the Appian Way,
sixteen Roman miles (not quite
fifteen of ours) south by east of
Rome.

2. hospitio, quarters, no doubt
a public house.

3. doctissimus: probably a
friendly overestimate, as no account
of him has come down to us with
all his learning.—Forum Appi:
twenty Roman miles on the same
road, at the head of the canal through
the Pomptine Marshes. Thus far
Horace and his companion seem to
have travelled on foot, while the
other members of the party drove
and met them, some at Appii Forum
(cf. comites, v. 9), and some at
Anxur.

4. malignis: as if their cheat-
ing was from enmity to the human
race. Cf. Tony Weller’s estimate of
pike keepers.

5. divisimus, i.e. taking two
days for it instead of one.—altius
praecinctis: as the clothing of the
ancients was long and flowing,
“girding up the loins” was a symbol
of activity and energy, as appears by
the contrasted ignavi and tardis.
praecinctis unum; minus est gravis Appia tardis. Hic ego propter aquam, quod erat deterrima, ventri indico bellum, cenantis haud animo aequo exspectans comites. Iam nox inducere terris umbras et caelo diffundere signa parabat; tum pueri nautis, pueris convicia nautae ingerere: 'Huc appelle!' 'Trecentos inseris!' 'Ohe, iam satis est!' Dum aes exigitur, dum mula ligatur, tota abit hora. Mali culices ranaeque palustres avertunt somnos, absentem ut cantat amicam 10 multa probatus vappa nauta atque viator certatim. Tandem fessus dormire viator incipit, ac missae pastum retinacula mulae nauta piger saxo religat stertitque supinus. Iamque dies aderat, nil cum procedere linitrem sentimus, donec cerebrosus prosilit unus ac mulae nautaeque caput lumbosque saligno fusite dolat; quarta vix demum exponimur hora.

6. gravis, severe. The road was paved the whole length with large polygonal stones which were much worn and slippery, as they appear to this day.

7. hic ego, etc.: i.e. he took no dinner on account of the state of his bowels.

9. iam nox, etc.: an imitation of the Epic style for the burlesque effect. The canal journey was made by night, as formerly often on the Erie Canal, and nowadays in steam-boats.

11. pueri: the slaves of the passengers.

12. hoc appelle: the cry of persons who wish to get on board. — trecentos inseris, obe iam satis est: the cry of the passengers, who are afraid of overloading the boat.

13. aes exigitur, they are collect-

ing the fare (nautum). — mula: that towed the boat.

15. absentem amicam, his absent sweetheart, "The girl I left behind me." — ut, while, in the loose manner of using that conjunction in the comedy.

16. viator, a passenger on board (possibly the passengers collectively). The sleeping of the passengers is the occasion of the stopping of the boat. The word ordinarily means a passenger on foot, but here the supposition of a traveller on the tow-path seems unnatural.

18. retinacula, the halter. — missae, turned out.

20. iamque dies, etc.: i.e. the passengers wake up, and discover the trick.

21. cerebrosus, hot-headed, less patient than the rest.

23. dolat, pounds, lit. hews: a col

loquial expression. — vix demum, at last and hardly then. — quarta hora: about ten o’clock, though the distance was less than twenty miles.

24. Feronia: an old Italian divinity of uncertain attributes and functions. She had a sacred grove and fountain on the Appian Way, at the end of the canal, where Horace landed, made his morning toilet, and took his breakfast.

25. subimus: Tarracina (Anxur) was situated on a high rocky hill on the sea. Hence the use of sub, and of impositum, etc.

27. huc, etc.: apparently the dignitaries came by some rapid conveyance on the Appian Way, or they may have been already in the neighborhood, and were met by the poet at Tarracina, where the Appian turns eastward away from the coast.

28. Cocceius, L. Cocceius Ner- va, the great-grandfather of the Emperor Nerva. He, as well as Maecenas, was a friend of Octavian, and had in B.C. 40 assisted in arranging the Peace of Brundisium. (See Introduction to this Satire.) Hence soliti, v. 29.

30. hic oculis, etc.: a detail like that in v. 48. The poet consumes the time in medical treatment.

32. Capito: Fonteius Capito, who assisted in the embassy as a friend and partisan of Antonius. He remained with the latter and assisted him in the contest later. — ad unguem: a proverbial expression drawn from trying the surface of marble and wood with the nail; perfect to a hair.

33. ut, sc. esset or est.

34. Fundos: eleven miles east of Tarracina, traversed by the Appian Way. — praetore: the name of the man and his office are inserted in the form of a date, as if he were important enough to give his name to the year like the consuls. Originally praetor was the Italian name for the highest magistrate of an independent city; and some cities were allowed to retain the old name after their subjugation by the Romans, though generally such magistrates were called duoviri. The person here seems to have made himself ridiculous by putting on the airs of a consul, assuming the honors (praemia) of that office, — the toga praetexta with its crimson border, the broad crimson stripe on the front of the tunic, and further, what does not seem to have been used by the consul, a pan of charcoal

for burning incense before him. Whether this display was in honor of the distinguished visitors, as is very likely, does not appear. — libenter, i.e. we are glad not to stop there.

35. insani, weak-headed: i.e. his head was turned by his position. — scribæ: i.e. a mere clerk who had risen to the office. These clerks might be of low origin, or even freedmen. Cf. v. 66.

37. Mamurrarum urbe: Formiae, a town twelve miles further. The form of expression no doubt contains a bit of satire. Mamurra was a knight from Formiae, whose other names even are not known, who rose through the favor of Julius Caesar to wealth and some distinction, but spent his wealth in extravagant living, and never possessed a very noble reputation. Of his family (implied in the plural) nothing whatever is known. — manemus, spend the night. Cf. v. 87.

38. Murena: L. Licinius Terentius Varro Murena, the brother of Terentia, Mæcenas’ wife, apparently had like many noble Romans a villa at Formiae; as probably also Fonteius did, who entertained the travellers at dinner (culinam).


41. qualis: we should expect quibus depending on candidiores, but the poet says, “of a kind of which kind the earth has produced none fairer than they.”

42. neque quis, and to whom no, etc.

44. sanus, in my senses.

45. Campano ponti, a bridge (three miles from Sinuessa) over the Savo, a small river just north of the Volturnus. The word Campano seems to be used loosely, as the real boundary between Latium and Campania is a few miles farther north. — villula: apparently an inn especially for public officers, who regularly travelled at the public expense.

46. parochi, the stewards; apparently persons whose duty it was to furnish the entertainment which the cities were bound to supply to
Hinc muli Capuae clitellas tempore ponunt. Lusum it Maecenas, dormitum ego Vergiliusque; namque pila lippis inimicet et ludere crudis. Hinc nos Coccei recipit plenissima villa, quae super est Caudi cauponas. Nunc mihi paucis Sarmenti scurrae pugnam Messique Cicirri, Musa, velim memores, et quo patre natus uterque contulerit litis. Messi clarum genus Osci; Sarmenti domina exstat: ab his maioribus orti ad pugnam venere. Prior Sarmentus: 'Equi te state travellers. It may be that they were in this case bound to supply only certain articles, the travellers bringing the rest, or the words ligna salemque, may mean entertainment generally, with a hint at its meagerness. Cf. v. 50.

47. hinc, from here; i.e. starting the next morning. — Capuae, twenty-two miles farther on, the largest and most important city of Campania. — muli: the baggage only is mentioned, but the whole train is referred to.

48. lusum: sc. pila (cf. v. 49), for exercise before dinner as was the custom of the Romans, while the two poets took a nap instead, as was also not unusual.

49. pila: the Romans had several games of ball which consisted chiefly in throwing and catching, the use of the bat being a modern improvement. Cf. I. 6. 126. — lippis, to sore eyes. — et crudis, and weak stomachs. The word means properly undigested, but was regularly transferred to the dyspeptic himself.

50. plenissima, well-stocked. Cf. v. 46.—villa: many noble Romans had country-seats in various parts of Italy.

51. Caudi: Caudium, the scene of the great defeat of the Romans by the Samnites, was in the mountain region of the Hirpini, twenty-one miles from Capua, eastward towards the Apennines. — super, on the heights above the town. — nunc mihi, etc.: the poet again assumes the Epic style. The scene described was evidently of a kind very common among the rich Romans, who were particularly fond of these scurrilous encounters. Cf. the word scurra, and Plin. Ep. IX. 17.

52. Sarmenti: a buffoon (scurra) accompanying the expedition in the capacity of clerk. — Messi Cicirri: a person of the same kind belonging in the town, and so no doubt brought out by Cocceius, who was familiar with the region, to pit against the favorite from Rome. Cicirrus (κικύρρος, cock) is a nickname.

53. quo patre; the genealogy of the hero is always a matter of interest in romance. The burlesque here is the more striking because Sarmentus as a slave was filius nullius, and Messius was a despised Oscan.

54. Osci: predicate of est to be supplied with genus, which is here equivalent to a plural, as meaning the man's ancestors.

56. equi feri: apparently the fabled unicorn, famous for its sup

posed ferocity. The comparison was partly on account of his size and ugliness, partly on account of the scar referred to in v. 61. 58. accipio: as if he said, “So I am; you’d better look out for me!” shaking his head like the supposed animal. — O tua, etc.: the reply of Sarmentus: “How dangerous you would be if you hadn’t had your horn cut off.” Messius had had a great wen (Campanus morbus) removed from his forehead. — cornu, abl. of quality. 60. sic, thus ... as you are. — at, but, introducing the explanatory words of Horace, ‘it was a scar.’ 61. saetosam: i.e. a hairy scar was left. 62. Campanum: diseases arising from loose living which disfigure the face or body are regularly assigned to some foreign country, as by the English to France, by the French to Italy. 63. pastorem: a cognate acc., like “to play Hamlet.” The point is in the ugliness, huge size, and scarred forehead (representing a cyclops’ eye) of the buffoon, all of which agreed with the character of Polyphemus, whose hopeless love for Galatea was a favorite theme with the ancients, somewhat like Beauty and the Beast. — saltaret: i.e. to act in pantomime. 65. multa: the chaffing of Cicirrus is aimed at the servile condition of Sarmentus as well as his diminutive size. Much of the fun to a Roman would lie in the contrast between the puny, dainty favorite from the city and the huge, overgrown countryman with his phenomenal ugliness; and it will be seen that their abuse of each other is directed at these peculiarities. Such cross-matches had a charm for the Romans, as we see by some of their gladiatorial contests. — donasset: the whole point is in the ironical suggestion that he was a runaway slave, as it was the custom for manumitted slaves to make an offering to the household gods, though probably not of a chain, an allusion which is inserted here in analogy to cases like Od. III. 26. 4, Ep. I. i. 5. 68. cui satis, etc.: he might have saved enough from his rations, such a puny fellow as he, to buy his freedom.
Prorsus iucunde cenam prodúcimus illam.  
Tendimus hinc recta Benevěntum, ubi sedulus hospes  
paene macros arsit dum turdos versat in igni;  
nam vaga per veterem dilapso flamma culinam  
Volcano summum properabat lambere tectum.  
Convivas avidos cenam servosque timentis  
tum rapere, atque omnis restinguere velle videres.  
Incipit ex illo montis Apulia notos  
osti tare mihi, quos torret Atabulus, et quos  
numquam erespēmus, nisi nos vicina Trivici  
villa receptisset, lacrimoso non sine fumo,  
udos cum foiliis ramos urente camino.  
Quattuor hinc rapimur viginti et milia  
raedis, mansuri oppidulo quod versu dicere  
non est, signis perfacile est: venit vilissima rerum  
hic aqua; sed panis longe pulcherrimus, ultra  

71. **tendimus**: the eighth day, twelve miles. — **sedulus**, officious. 
72. **arsit**, set himself (i.e. his house) afire. 
73. **dilapso**, escaping, of course from the **focus** or fireplace in the kitchen, and so spreading. 
75. **convivas**, etc.: the picture of the efforts to save the dinner. — **avidos**: in their hunger. — **timentis**: frightened, as accords with their servile nature. 
77. **Apulia**: close on the borders of which Horace passed his early childhood; hence **notos**.  
78. **Atabulus**: a local name for a hot southern wind, the Sirocco. 
79. **erespēmus**: the colloquial shortening for **erespissemus**. — **Trivici**: an unimportant village where they passed the night. But for the rest afforded them, they never could have dragged on over the mountains. 
81. **udos**: the cause of the smoke. — **camino**: properly the word for forge or furnace, but here no doubt some kind of a fireplace for warming. But no chimney like ours can be shown to have existed among the Romans. 
86. **rapimur**: of the rapid pace; cf. **erespēmus**, v. 79. — **raedis**: a heavy travelling coach with four wheels. The exact shape is not known, but it must have been large and roomy, and was the ordinary public carriage. 
87. **mansuri, stop**, pass the night. Cf. **Od.** i. 25. — **oppidulo**: according to Porphyrrion, Equos Tuticus (which could not easily be introduced in hexameter on account of the succession of longs and shorts, \( \overbrace{\_ \_} + \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\)) but this is extremely uncertain. 
88. **venit**: i.e. water, elsewhere the cheapest of all things, is actually sold for money here. 
89. **ultra**: the traveller supplies himself with bread in advance, for the next town farther on, Canusium, has gritty bread.
callidus ut soleat umeris portare viator:

nam Canusi lapidosus, aquae non ditior urna
qui locus a forti Diomede est conditus olim.
Flentibus hinc Varius discedit maestus amici.
Inde Rubos fessi pervenimus, utpote longum
carpentes iter et factum corruptius imbri.
Postera tempestas melior, via peior ad usque
Bari moenia piscosi; dein Gnatia Lymphis
iratis exstructa dedit risusque iocosque,
dum flamma sine tura liquescere limine sacro
persuadere cupit. Credat Iudaeus Apella,
non ego: namque deos didici secum agere aevum,
nec, si quid miri faciat natura, deos id
tristis ex alto caeli demittere tecto.
Brundisium longae finis chartaeque viaeque est.

90. soleat: for prosody, see Introduction.
91. ditior: this construction seems odd to an English-speaking person, but an antecedent which would be in apposition with some preceding idea is, in Latin, embodied in the relative clause, a place no richer, etc., which, etc., as in quae res, a thing which, and the like.—aquaes, genitive after ditior, as an adjective of plenty.
92. Diomede: the settlement of this Greek chief in Apulia was a common tradition. Cf. Æn. VIII. 9.
94. Rubos: the town Rubi, the next stopping-place.—utpote: more commonly found with relatives, but used by Horace several times with adjective expressions. Cf. I. 4. 24, and II. 4. 9.
97. Bari: Barium, on the coast; hence piscosi.—Gnatia Lymphis iratis: because the place has no water-springs, of which the Lymphæ — a Latin equivalent of Nymphæ — were the tutelary divinities.
99. limine sacro: i.e. the inhabitants claim a miraculous melting of incense without fire, probably some volcanic effect (cf. Plin. H. N. II. 111, Reperitur in Salento oppido Egnatia imposito ligno in saxum quoddam ibi sacrum protinus flam-mam existere).
100. Apella: a name apparently Greek, but a common one of freedmen, and here assigned to a Jew, perhaps a converted Greek. The Jews were regarded as especially superstitious (cf. I. 9. 71 and II. 3. 281 seq.).
102. miri: all strange occurrences were supposed by the ancients to be direct interpositions of the gods in human affairs to indicate their displeasure (tristis), a notion that the Epicureans combated, asserting that all such took place by the operations of nature.
104. Brundisium: either the
VI.

Non quia, Maecenas, Lydorum quidquid Etruscus incoluit finis, nemo generosior est te, nec quod avus tibi maternus fuit atque paternus, olim qui magnis legionibus imperitarent, ut plerique solent, naso suspendis adunco ignotos, ut me libertino patre natum.
Cum referre negas quali sit quisque parente natus, dum ingenuus, persuades hoc tibi vere,

rest of the journey (if it continued any farther) was taken by sea to Tarentum, or Horace may have stopped here.

Satire 6. There probably never was a nation in which family pride was stronger than it was among the Romans. And this pride had its natural accompaniment of mean servility and vulgar striving for social and political advancement. Horace, of low birth but recommended by his talents to the favor of the great, seems to have been a mark for all sorts of attacks from envious rivals and ignoble souls. But his whole life and writings show a remarkable freedom from all vulgar social ambitions, and a truly refined self-respect and independence. This Satire is an answer to the attacks of his enemies, and a statement of his creed in regard to social position.

1. non quia: you do not Maecenas, because, etc.; this is not the common construction of non quia (not because . . . but), as the mood of est shows, but the negative belongs to suspendis, being placed in this emphatic position to show that the reason for which Mæcenas might have scorned humbler men did not cause him to do so.—Maecenas: the Satire is addressed to Mæcenas, both as a compliment to him and to give it additional weight from the authority of so great a man.—Lydorum: partitive genitive with quidquid, a colloquial and archaic form of speech, though common in all styles. —quidquid would have for its antecedent an omnium or the like, a partitive genitive after nemo. The Etrurians were supposed to have come originally from Lydia. Their origin is still a mystery, but the old tradition is as likely to be true as any other view.

2. generosior: Mæcenas was descended from the Cilniæ, a noble family of Etruria.

4. legionibus: used loosely for bodies of troops in general.

5. naso, etc.: i.e. turn up your nose at.

7. cum, etc.: when you say that it makes no difference, etc., you are convinced, and rightly so, that, etc.

8. ingenuus: the inevitable taint of slavery was still regarded as a disqualification for social advancement, even by men as large-minded as Mæcenas and Horace; but the son of a freedman was free from that taint.
9. Tulli: Servius Tullius was supposed to have been a slave. The whole idea is, that the view of Mæcenas is correct, which makes virtue and not mere birth the criterion of nobility.

10. multos, etc.: i.e. that this has always been the case from the first, though the other cases have not come down to us.

11. honoribus, i.e. honors conferred by the people, offices.

12. contra: introducing the opposite case of a worthless noble.—Laevinum: the particular individual is unknown, but there were many famous members of this branch of the Valerian family. This one is no doubt one of the stock, who was a candidate for office, but failed to be elected on account of his worthless character, as sometimes happened even in Rome.—Valeri: Marcus Valerius Poplicola, the associate of Brutus in the expulsion of the Tarquins. The gens Valeria was one of the oldest and most distinguished of the great Roman families, and had many branches, all counting distinguished men among their number.—genus: cf. Od. I. 3. 27, and Virg. Æn. IV. 12.—unde = a quo.

13. assis: depending on pretio.

14. licuisse, went for, a jocose expression for was worth, as if he had been offered for what he would bring.—notante: alluding to the censorial nota, or mark set by the censor against any name on the list to exclude the person from the order or tribe.

15. iudice, etc., i.e. in the critical estimation of the people.—quo: for quem, attracted by the glamour of rank, know better than to choose a Lævinius.

16. famæ: i.e. of one's ancestors who were famous, though their descendant is worthless.

17. titulis et imaginibus: any person who had held a curule office left to his descendants the right to put up in their houses the wax mask of their ancestor, with an inscription bearing his name and honors. Such masks and lists of honor were therefore a sign of nobility.—quid oportet, etc.: i.e. if the foolish crowd have right ideas, how much more ought we to have right ideas who are far better educated.

19. namque esto, etc., for after all suppose that, etc.; i.e. even if the
people preferred a Lævinus to an obscure worthy man (which, as he has just said, they do not), it would be justified in doing so; and the man of low birth would have no reason to complain, because he has no right to get out of his place. The logical connection is: "We ought to hold virtue higher and birth lower than they, for even if they did prefer the high-born to the worthy in this particular case (of political preference), they would be justified; hence, as they do not, their example is all the more forcible for us." It must be remembered that after all Horace is dealing with social relations, which fact he always keeps in mind underlying the whole. — mallet: a condition without si, suppose they did prefer.

20. Decio: P. Decius, a plebeian consul who devoted himself to death for the success of the Roman arms in the Latin War, b.c. 340; and his son, of the same name, imitated his father's example in B.C. 295. — novo: a person whose ancestors had held no curule office was a novus homo. — moveret: turn out of the senate, as Appius Claudius Pulcher in his censorship, 50 B.C., did all sons of freedmen. — essem: the general idea is represented by Horace's own case, though he had never been in the senate. As he was, however, the son of a freedman, his case would be like the one referred to if he had, and the mention of a special person makes the whole more vivid.

22. vel merito: sc. moveret, though both cases are really meant. — in propria pelle, i.e. his proper position. (An allusion to the fable of "The Ass in the Lion's Skin.")

23. sed: but though the people would be right in the case supposed, and such men have no claims, yet the ambition of the humble will not be quenched as it ought to be by that fact. — trahit, i.e. leads captive, the figure being drawn from the triumph, which the captives accompanied in chains, just before the conqueror's chariot, possibly originally chained to it. — gloria, Ambition.

24. generosis, the nobly born: in prose, quam generosos. — quo, to what end? hence, of what use? — Tilli: a Tillius said to have been removed from the senate, who, as was customary in such cases, began anew to seek the senatorial rank. He was doubtless a freedman.

25. clavum: the single broad stripe of red down the front of the tunic which was the sign of magisterial and senatorial dignity. — tribuno: apparently tribunus militum, since the tribune of the people appears not to have worn any insignia as such, though the office would entitle him to be enrolled in the senate, and so afterwards to receive the insignia mentioned. Some of the tribunes of the soldiers wore the laticlave, and were chosen into the senate, a custom introduced by Augustus.
Invidia acrevit, privato quae minor esset.
Nam ut quisque insanus nigris medium impediit crus pellibus, et latum demisit pectore clavum, audit continuo 'Quis homo hic est, quo patre natus?'
Vt, si qui aegrotet quo morbo Barrus, haberi et cupiat formosus, eat quacumque, puellis iniciat curam quaerendi singula, quali sit facie, sura, quali pede, dente, capillo; sic qui promittit civis, urbem sibi curae, imperium fore et Italiam, delubra deorum, quo patre sit natus, num ignota matre inhonestus, omnis mortalis curare et quaerere cogit.
'Tune, Syri, Damae, aut Dionysi filius, audes deicere e saxo civis aut tradere Cadmo?'
'At Novius collega gradu post me sedet uno; namque est ille, pater quod erat meus.'
'Hoc tibi Paulus et Messalla videris? At hic, si plaustra ducenta

27. insanus: i.e. with ambition.
— nigris: the senatorial shoe was tied with four black thongs (corrigiae).
29. homo, fellow, implying a certain degree of contempt.
30. morbo, i.e. inordinate vanity.
32. iniciat: pretending to be a handsome man, he attracts attention and criticism of details which would otherwise pass unnoticed. The same is the case with the ambitious man.
34. civis, etc.: perhaps taken from the official oath of the magistrates generally without particular reference to any one.
38. Syri, etc.: common slaves' names, indicating that the man was the son of a freedman.
39. deicere: throwing from the Tarpeian Rock was the old punishment for many offences. The man's functions as magistrate would include the condemnation of citizens.
— Cadmo: evidently an executioner.
40. Novius: perhaps chosen by Horace as formed from novus—sedet: in allusion to the graded seats of the theatre, where the senators sat in the orchestra and the equites in fourteen rows of seats behind them. The ambitious upstart claims that he is of better family than his colleague, for he is only a freedman, while the speaker was born free at any rate.
41. hoc tibi: The people answer, "Do you plume yourself so much on that, that you think you belong to one of the old families, the /Emilii (Paulus) or the Valerii (Messala)?" These are indicated by common family names in those clans.
42. at hic: Horace, with that double meaning which is character
concurrantque foro tria funera magna sonabit

cornua quod vincatque tubas; saltem tenet hoc nos.'

Nunc ad me redeo libertino patre natum,
quem rodunt omnes libertino patre natum,
nunc, quia sim tibi, Maecenas, convictor; at olim,
quod mihi pareret legio Romana tribuno.
Dissimile hoc illi est; quia non, ut forsit honorem
iure mihi invideat quivis, ita te quoque amicum,
presertim cautum dignos assumere, prava

istic of him, justifies the advance-
ment of the freedman colleague by
stating a quality of his which weighs
much in the minds of the people,
but which you feel sure at the
same time Horace himself despises.
"The man is a blatant popular
speaker, and has at least that claim
to the favor of the people." — plaus-
stra: the heavy carrying wagon of
the Romans, noted, and probably
named, for its creaking (plando).

43. funera: the funeral proces-
sion was accompanied with music.
— magna: often taken with funera,
as only a great funeral would be
noisy; but as magna sonare is a
standing phrase, it is better to take
it so here (cf. I. 4. 44), making
magna an adverb.

44. quod: the antecedent id
would be a cognate accusative.—
cornua, curved brass horns.— tu-
ba, a straight trumpet.

45. nunc ad me, etc.: after
showing the folly of political ambition,
he now comes back to the
main idea of personal and social
dignity as independent of birth, de-
fending himself against the slurs
of his vulgar detractors.

46. rodunt, disparage (gnaw like
rats). — libertino, etc.: the repeti-
tion indicates a direct quotation
from his detractors, just as they keep
repeating it.

47. sim, the subjunctive as usual
puts the words into the mouth of
the detractors. — convictor: notice
that this indicates only a social ad-
ancement as the friend of Mæce-
nas, not a political preferment, which
he claims no right to.

48. tribuno: see life of Horace.
Sixteen (or twenty-four) tribunes
were elected by the people, and
were real magistrates, but others
could be chosen by the generals,
and were called rufuli. This ad-
ancement was a matter rather of
favor than of merit, and was cer-
tainly so in Horace's case.

49. dissimile: here is brought
out more fully the distinction which
underlies the whole. The tribunate
is an official honor, to which a low-
born man had perhaps no claim;
but the friendship of Mæcenas no-
body has a right to envy him,
because that is a matter of personal
worthiness. — forsit: only found
here, but no doubt another of
Horace's colloquialisms.

50. cautum: Mæcenas' reputa-
tion for selecting only the worthy,
and those not from motives of am-
bition (i.e. to increase his political
influence and gain supporters),
makes his friendship still more a
tribute to worth than the friendship
of others might be.
ambitione procul. Felicem dicere non hoc me possim, casu quod te sortitus amicum; nulla etenim mihi te fors obtulit: optimus olim Vergilius, post hunc Varius dixere quid essem. Ut veni coram, singultim paucus locutus (infans namque pudor prohibebat plura profari), non ego me claro natum patre, non ego circum me Satureiano vectari rura caballo, sed, quod eram, narro. Respondes, ut tuus est mos, pauca; abeo, et revocas nono post mense iubesque esse in amicorum numero. Magnus hoc ego duco, quod placui tibi, qui turpi secernis honestum, non patre praeclaro, sed vita et pectore puro.

Atqui si vitii mediocribus ac mea paucis mendosa est natura, alioqui recta,—velut si

52. ambitione: referring to Mæcenas. Every means of adding to one's influence, and every attempt to get on in the political career, the object of both high and low, was among the Romans called ambitio. Especially so was any attempt to gain favor either by the powerful or the humble.—felicem: i.e. because that implies good luck, an idea which is repeated in casu and sortitus (sc. sim), and again in fors, etc.

55. Vergilius, the poet Virgil, who, like most of the writers of talent at the time, was an intimate friend of Mæcenas, whose generous patronage of literature has become a proverb.—Varius: see I. 5. 40.—quid: i.e. his character and talents.

56. ut veni coram: at his first introduction.—singultim... locutus, stammering out, or speaking incoherently.

57. infans: in its original sense of speechless; here, of course, applied to pudor as making a man so.

58. non ego: i.e. I did not pretend, as many do, to be a man of consequence from some provincial city, nor that my father had great estates at Tarentum.

59. Satureiano: said by a scholar to be from Satureia, a name of Tarentum; at any rate it was in that vicinity, and indicates estates in Southern Italy.—caballo: apparently the popular word (cf. the Romance words).

60. quod eram: we should expect in Latin an indirect question (cf. v. 55), but here it is "the position, etc., that I held."

63. turpi, honestum: strictly the neuter forms; turpe and honestum, the technical Stoic names for virtue and vice, but here used to include persons (cf. I. 3. 42, note, and Ep. I. 9. 5).

65. atqui: i.e. though I claim no proud descent from my father, yet it is to him that I owe whatever I am.—mediocribus: i.e. only such. Cf. I. 4. 130.
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egregio inspersos reprehendas corpore naevos, — si neque avaritiam neque sordes ac mala lustra obicet vere quisquam mihi, purus et insons (ut me collaudem) si et vivo carus amicis, causa fuit pater his, qui, macro pauper agello, noluit in Flavi ludum me mittere, magni quo pueri magnis e centurionibus orti, laevo suspensi loculos tabulamque lacerto, ibant octonos referentes Idibus aeris, sed puerum est ausus Romam portare, docendum artis quas doceat quivis eque atque senator semet prognatos. Vestem servosque sequentis, in magno ut populo, si qui vidisset, avita ex re praeberti sumptus mihi crederet illos.

67. egregio: in form generally, but slightly disfigured by insignificant moles, etc.
68. sordes: this word, connected by the conjunctions with what follows, and separated from avaritiam, must refer to vulgar tastes and habits. — mala lustra, dens of vice.
69. purus et insons: take with carus after si.
70. his: neuter, i.e. his rebus. — macro: opposed to pinguis.
71. Flavi, a local schoolmaster in Venusia, to whom the young natives went. — magni, magnis: both referring to size, but perhaps with a reference to their excess of muscle over brain. Horace himself was small of person.
72. centurionibus: as Venusia was a colony, the citizens would be retired soldiers. In the ancient method of fighting bodily strength counted for more than with us, and a centurion who had risen from the ranks would be one of the stoutest of his class.
73. loculos: (depending on sus-
pensi taken in a middle sense, § 240. c, probably a Grecism), answering to the satchel of modern times. — tabulam: corresponding to the slate, the ordinary writing material of the Romans, a thin board covered with wax.
74. octonos, sc. asses, implied in aeris, a method of stating sums of money not uncommon with the Romans; about ten cents. A cheap school, of course, is intended. The distributive means every month. — idibus: apparently a common time for monthly payments. — referentes: their carrying the pay themselves also indicated a humble kind of persons.
75. puerum, i.e. while still a boy.
76. artis: Gr. § 239. c. Rem. — eques atque senator: i.e. this mode of education was much above his station.
77. vestem servosque: i.e. he dressed his son and gave him a style of appearance that would indicate inherited wealth.
78. magno populo, i.e. in the
Ipse mihi custos incorruptissimus omnis
circum doctores aderat. Quid multa? Pudicum,
qui primus virtutis honos, servavit ab omni
non solum facto, verum opprobrio quoque turpi;
nec timuit sibi ne vitio quis verteret, olim
si praeco parvas aut, ut fuit ipse, coactor
mercedes sequerer; neque ego essem questus: at hoc
nunc
laus illi debitur et a me gratia maior.
Nil me paeniteat sanum patris huius, eoque
non, ut magna dolo factum negat esse suo pars,
quod non ingenuos habeat clarosque parentes,
crowd of a great city, as opposed to
a little provincial town. Cf.
Postremo in magno populo mulierem in-
clutam.
Amare oportet omnis qui quod dent habent.
Plaut. Truc. I. i. 55.—

utraque crederet: § 308. a.
81. custos: it was customary to
send boys in charge of a trustworthy
slave (paedagogus), as nowadays
girls in charge of a nurse. This
office the father performed him-
self.
82. quid multa: sc. dicam, i.e.
why should I say more on a point
that everyone understands?
83. honos, ornament; purity of
morals would be the first and high-
est virtue.
84. facto . . . opprobrio: sc. he
not only committed no impropriety,
but gave no handle for slander.
85. nec timuit: i.e. he did not
restrain from giving me this educa-
tion for fear any one should com-
plain that he was educating his son
above his station, even if the son
rose no higher than he himself.—
vitio verteret, charge it as a fault;
§ 233.
86. praeco, a crier, an auc-
tioneer, a very common humble
occupation.—coactor, a collector,
of taxes and the like.
87. mercedes, the wages of a
humble profession.—essem ques-
tus: i.e. if it had turned out so,
I should not have found fault with
him for unfitting me for that hum-
bble life. In this sentence the close
connection between the 'future con-
dition' and the 'contrary to fact
construction' is very apparent, se-
quere being a future condition in
an indirect form changed to past
time, but it also serves for the
condition contrary to fact of essem
questus.—hoc, on this account,
i.e. because he did so educate me.
—nunc, now, as it is.
89. paeniteat, etc., could I re-
gret having had such a father? i.e.
under any supposable circumstances,
an apodosis with an indefinite pro-
asis omitted. The whole idea is,
that while others might be ashamed
of their fathers if they were of low
birth, he had no such feeling.
90. negat, etc.: i.e. most per-
sons would apologize for such a
father, saying that it was not their
fault that they had such, while
admitting that it was a dishonor.
sic me defendam. Longe mea discrepant istis et vox et ratio: nam si natura iuberet a certis annis aevum remeare peractum, atque alios legere ad fastum quoscumque parentes optaret sibi quisque, meis contentus, honestos fascibus et sellis nollem mihi sumere, demens iudicio volgi, sanus fortasse tuo, quod nollem onus haud umquam solitus portare molestum. Nam mihi continuo maior quaerenda foret res, atque salutandi plures; ducendus et unus et comes alter, uti ne solus rusve peregreve exirem; plures calones atque caballi pascendi, ducenda petorrita. Nunc mihi curto ire licet mulo vel si libet usque Tarentum, mantica cui lumbos onere ulceret atque eques armos:

92. istis: masc. and dative.
93. ratio, way of thinking.— si iuberet: i.e. if it were the course of nature that a man after a certain age might choose his own father and expunge his previous life, Horace says he would not change.
94. aevum: acc. after remeare, like navigare mare, and the like.
95. ad fastum, to suit his pride.
97. fascibus (the means of honestos), namely, curule offices, of which the lictor’s rods and the curule chair were the symbols.
98. tuo: Mæcenas had himself refused to be advanced in official station, no doubt for the reason Horace assigns, his dislike to the burdensome state and social duties required of the great.
100. res: a larger property would be necessary to support the dignity of his position.
101. salutandi: the salutatio, or morning visit of humbler persons to the great, was a prominent feature in Roman social life.— ducen-

dus: such persons had to take with them a retinue of companions, like princes in modern times.
102. uti ne: apparently an expression more common in early Latin in purpose clauses, not different essentially from ne. The clause is here treated as a purpose, but in English we may translate so as not to, etc., or so that I could not, etc.
103. calones, etc.: all these would be necessary for the proper state of such a person.
104. pascendi, must be kept.— ducenda, taken in my train.— petorrita (a Gallie word), a four-wheeled travelling carriage, the exact form of which is not known, but it must have been more bulky and roomy than other forms.— nunc, etc. (cf. v. 87): the advantages of his present humble position.
— curto, sorry, little, only referring to the size as suited to his dignity.
105. Tarentum: i.e. the whole length and breadth of Italy.
106. mantica: i.e. with no train
obiciet nemo sordes mihi quas tibi, Tilli, cum Tiburte via praetorem quinque sequuntur te pueri, lasanum portantes oenophorumque. Hoc ego commodius quam tu, praecclare senator, milibus atque aliis vivo. Quacumque libido est, incedo solus; percontor quanti holus ac far; fallacem circum vespertinumque pererro saepe forum; adsisto divinis; inde domum me ad porri et ciceris refero laganique catinum. Cena ministratur pueris tribus, et lapis albus pocula cum cyatho duo sustinet; adstat echinus

nor baggage except a pair of saddle-bags behind him on the same mule.
107. obiciet, etc.: i.e. such a proceeding would not in Horace indicate stinginess (sordes), as it would in the case of Tillius (probably the same mentioned in v. 24).
108. Tiburte via, a frequented road, and only a short distance, where one would expect him to appear properly.—praetorem: as a magistrate a man ought to keep up a still more brilliant state.—quinque: a small number even for an ordinary gentleman. Cf. 3. 11.
109. lasanum: his kettle for cooking his meals along the road, instead of stopping at a tavern, or receiving hospitality which he would not like to return.—oenophorum, wine-basket, carried in the same manner as the kettle.
110. hoc (neuter), in this respect.—tu: without special reference, but making the whole vivid by singling out some one person, as it were.
111. milibus: neuter.
112. solus: see notes on vs. 101 seg. An example of the thousand other things.—percontor: i.e. he strolls about the market, and acts as a humble citizen pricing his own provisions.

113. fallacem circum: the region of the Circus Maximus (the valley where was the early commercial forum) seems to have been the resort of all kinds of loose characters. Shops occupied the outer walls of the substructions of the building. Horace doubtless refers to sharpers, confidence men, and the like, who always ply their trade in the lower parts of a city.
114. divinis: fortune-tellers, astrologers, and the like.—inde: from his stroll.
115. porri, etc.: as a simple repast without dainties, but of course not to be taken too literally. —laganum, a sort of pancake.
116. tribus: of course a small number for the Romans.—pueris: the poetic (and colloquial?) use of the dative to express the agent.—lapis albus: only white marble, not the variegated and costly foreign sorts.
117. pocula duo: for wine and water, which the Romans generally mixed.—cyatho, the little ladle for measuring the quantities in mixing.—echinus, an unknown uten-
vilis, cum patera guttus, Campana supellex. Deinde eo dormitum, non sollicitus, mihi quod cras surgendum sit mane, obeundus Marsya, qui se voltum ferre negat Noviorum posse minoris. Ad quartam iaceo; post hanc vagor; aut ego, lecto aut scripto quod me tacitum iuvet, unguor olivo, non quo fraudatis immundus Natta lucernis. Ast ubi me fessum sol acrior ire lavatum admonuit, fugio campum lusumque trigonem.

sil in the shape of a sea-urchin. It seems as if it must be a salt-cellar, the most necessary utensil, and not elsewhere mentioned, and if so, it perhaps should not be taken as earthen like the patera. (Cf. Od. II. 16. 14.)

118. cum patera guttus: for libations, a platter, and a narrow-necked pitcher, of common earthenware (Campana), not necessarily mean, but not silver or gold or bronze.

120. mane, i.e. early. — obeundus Marsya: i.e. go to the forum. (See note on verse 122.) In the forum stood a statue of Marsyas. The precise action of the statue to which Horace refers is uncertain. Perhaps the agony in his face, or possibly the fact merely that his back was turned, is jocosely assumed by Horace to indicate his dislike of Novius, evidently a usurer who had his money-changer's table in the vicinity.

121. minoris shows that a definite person is meant, the younger of two of the same name. The whole reference is unnecessary, but Horace likes to give a side thrust wherever he can.

122. ad quartam: the privilege of lying abed till ten was not possessed by the great, who must receive the salutatio at sunrise, and be escorted to the forum. — vagor: i.e. he takes a stroll (cf. 9. 1), or stays at home, and reads or writes in solitude (tacitum) till the hour for exercise comes.

123. unguor: the ancients prepared themselves for exercise by stripping and anointing themselves with oil.

124. Natta: another side thrust, indicating the parsimony of the unknown person. — immundus: careless of his person, as a miser. — lucernis: of course only the poorest of oil was used for burning, and this Natta uses for his body.

125. sol acrior: about noon. — lavatum: next the bath, and then the European breakfast or lunch; the first meal (ientaculum) not being a formal meal, just as now in Europe, has not been mentioned at all.

126. campum lusumque trigonem: another reading is, rabiosi tempora signi. Both readings are so old that the passage would seem to have been altered by Horace himself, a thing which happens sometimes with modern poets. If so, one cannot help thinking he wrote the one in the text last. — Campum: the Campus Martius, where such exercises took place. — trigonem: used in apposition with the force of an adjective, a not uncommon construction. The ancients had several games of ball, but ap-
Pransus non avide, quantum interpellet inani ventre diem durare, domesticus otior. Haec est vita solutórum misera ambitione gravique; his me consolor victurum suavius ac si quaestor avus pater atque meus patruusque fuisset.

VII.

Proscripti Regis Rupili pus atque venenum hybrida quo pacto sit Persius ultus, opinor omnibus et lippis notum et tonsoribus esse. Persius hic permagna negotia dives habebat Clazomenis, etiam litis cum Rege molestas,
parently without the use of the bat. In this particular game three persons threw to each other, but in what the skill consisted is uncertain. (See Becker's *Gallus Exc. II.*).—[rabiosi, etc.]: put loosely for the extreme heat of midday, though it should mean the heat of the dog-days, when the sun is in the Dog, but there is Horace's favorite confusion of ideas, between the mad dog and the raging heat. Cf. *Ep. I. 10. 16, Od. I. 17. 17.]*

127. pransus, etc.: only a light breakfast, at about two, to stay his stomach till dinner, the hour of which was rather late with him. Cf. 113. The dinner hour varied, as with us, from say three o'clock till seven.

130. his: neuter, and depending as an ablative of manner on victurum.

131. quaestor: the lowest of the offices is put for them all. His reason for preferring the lowest is not clear. Perhaps it is one of his unexpected turns, coming in as a jest upon himself, as it were.

Satire 7. This Satire contains an account of a lawsuit before Bru-
durus homo, atque odio qui posset vincere Regem, confidens tumidusque, adeo sermonis amari, Sisennas, Barros ut equis praecurreret albis. Ad Regem redeo. Postquam nihil inter utrumque convenit (hoc etenim sunt omnes iure molesti, quo fortes, quibus adversum bellum incidit; inter Hectora Priamiden animosum atque inter Achillem ira fuit capitalis, ut ultima divideret mors, non aliam ob causam nisi quod virtus in utroque summa fuit: duo si discordia vexet inertis, aut si disparibus bellum incidat, ut Diomedi cum Lycio Glauco, discedat pigrior, ultro

6. *durus homo*, a tough customer. — *odio*, bitterness, hateful conduct. — *vincere*: implying that Rupilius was not wanting in this respect.

7. *tumidus*, i.e. arrogant.

8. Sisennas, Barros, abusive persons, otherwise unknown, perhaps informers, and so famous for their abusive language in courts of justice. — *equis albis*: proverbial; white horses being supposed to possess superior swiftness, — with race-horse speed.

9. *postquam*, etc.: the main clause is below (pugnat, v. 19). — *utrumque*, the two, a meaning that this word often has without any distributive idea.

10. *nihil convenit*: i.e. they could come to no agreement. — *hoc*: correlative with *quo*, and used as if the adjectives were comparative. The parenthesis gives the reason why they couldn't agree. — *uire*, naturally, regularly.

11. *fortes*, brave, i.e. good fighters. — *quibus*, when they fall into, etc., or simply who fall (changing the construction), etc. — *adversum bellum*, opposing strife: tautological, but not out of place, as giving the idea of mutuality.


13. *capitalis*, mortal, deadly, i.e. so that they sought each other's life. — *ultima*, only...at last; i.e. death at the end of their lives.

15. *duo*, etc.: a proof from the opposite, in case of two cowards or a brave warrior and a coward. — *vexet*: the condition is a future less vivid one, but is meant to be general.

16. Diomedi: see II. VI. 119, where, however, Glaucus' cowardice does not appear. The heroes refuse to fight because of ancient friendship, but exchange armor, an act which amounted to a gift on Glaucus' part. Horace may have purposely put this construction on the acts, or it may have been already done through the belittling spirit of later times.

17. *ultro*, to boot: in addition to declining to fight, the coward goes so far as to give something to buy off his adversary.

18. *praetore*: he is called *prætor* because he had held that office the year before, though his command in Asia was really a consular one. But the word is also used generically of a governor or judicial magistrate, and it may be so used here.

19. *par pugnat*: Rupilius and Persius are matched as gladiators, or enter the arena; *par* (neuter) is the technical word.

20. *compositum melius*, a better matched pair.—Bacchius: subject of *sit*, having for its predicate *par*, to be supplied with *compositum*. — *in ius*: the proceedings before a judge were said to be in iure, within the bar.

21. *procurrunt*: of course with the figure of a battle or gladiatorial contest.

22. *ridetur*, raises a laugh, by his presentation of the case.

23. *conventu*: a technical expression for the persons who met at any place in the provinces, at a term of court, to have justice administered (cf. *conventus agere*, used of the governor). — cohortem (amicorum), the suite of young men who constituted a kind of staff.

25. *canem*, the dog-star (cf. 6. 126).

26. *agricolis*: i.e. simply as suggesting drought, which is injurious to their interests. — *ruebat*, poured forth a torrent.

27. *rara securis*: i.e. in the depth of the woods where the torrent is fullest.

28. *Praenestinus*: see note v. i. — *salso*, etc., on him with his bitter torrent. — *multo*, with *Persio*, adjective for adverb.

29. *expressa*, wrung from, in response to the taunts of the passer-by (see note on v. 30). — re-gerit, hurls back.

30. *vindemiator* (four syllables), like a, etc.: in many cases the Latin allows the figure to be identified with the object where we cannot go beyond a simile. — *invictus*, not to be outdone. — viator, the passer-by, on the road.

31. *cessisset*: characteristic subjunctive. — *cuculum*: it appears that the country people of Italy
At Graecus, postquam est Italo perfusus aceto, Persius exclamat: 'Per magnos, Brute, deos te oro, qui reges consueris tollere, cur non hunc Regem iugulas? Operum hoc, mihi crede, tuo-rumst.'

VIII.

Olim truncus eram ficulnus, inutile lignum, cum faber, incertus scamnum faceretne Priapum, maluit esse deum. Deus inde ego, furum aviumque maxima formido; nam fures dextra coercet

were much given to coarse language and rude abuse of each other, a tendency that gave rise to two or three kinds of dramatic composition, and was not without influence on satire itself. Here the passer-by is supposed to call out to the belated vine-pruner, "Cuckoo," meaning that the cuckoo had come. The billingsgate of Rupilius is likened to the rude torrent poured out by the vine-dresser in reply. As often, Rupilius is not merely likened to the rustic, but identified with him.

32. at Graecus: inserted to give the contrast of the Greek's fine wit, to the coarse vituperation of the Italian (Italo aceto).

34. reges: alluding to Junius Brutus, the expeller of the Tarquins. — tollere, put out of the way, like Shakespeare's "taking off."

35. Regem: the pun is of course wholly lost in English, but the word is so familiar to English ears that the connection is suggestive. — operum (predicate gen., Gr. § 214, c), a fitting task for you; this rex is a worse nuisance than any you or your ancestors have removed.

Satire 8. This Satire is supposed to be written in ridicule of the same Gratidia referred to in Epodes III., VIII. 5, (?) and XVII. It represents an incantation scene, in which the woman, by the aid of a sorceress, performs magic rites to recover the alienated affections of a lover. This main idea of the Satire is worked up with a number of details in Horace's manner, which present the scene in a still more ridiculous light. The eighth Eclogue of Virgil may be compared for the incantations, which were no doubt common enough at that time. As the fig-tree gives a very poor wood, it is very likely that the whole is founded upon a sudden cracking of some wooden image of Priapus in Mæcenas' garden.

2. scamnum, etc.: i.e. utrum scamnum an Priapum (see Gr. § 211. a). — Priapum: a not very highly esteemed divinity of the fertility of the earth, originally brought from Lampsacus, whose image was set up in gardens as half god and half scarecrow. It was customary for poets to put into his mouth any poetry too indecent for other sponsors, and here the abuse of the women is heightened by making him the spokesman.

4. formido, a terror, as in English. — fures dextra: a sickle of
obscenoque ruber porrectus ab inguine palus;
ast importunas volucrese in verticè harundo
terret fixa vetatque novis considere in hortis.
Huc prius angustis iuncta cadavera cellis
conservus vili portanda locabat in arca;
hoc miserae plebi stabat commune sepulchrum,
Pantolabo scurrae Nomentanoque nepoti:
mille pedes in fronte, trecentos cippus in agrum
hic dabat, heredes monumentum ne sequeretur.

club was usually held in his right hand (cf. Virg. Georg. IV. 110).
5. ruber: the god was regularly painted red.
6. harundo: i.e. a reed waving in the wind and serving as a scarecrow.
7. novis... hortis: Maecenas had laid out a magnificent garden on the Esquiline, on a spot occupied from very ancient times as a burial place. Tombs of very great antiquity and also common burial places have lately been excavated in that region. This particular spot seems to have been only a part of the burial place, devoted to the poorer classes.
8. iuncta, hustled out: simply heightening the picture of the misery of the slaves, and not probably referring to any special usage. The body of a respectable person would be elatum.
9. conservus: the slaves were often united into societies for the purposes of burial; and when they were not, doubtless they took care of the burial of their fellows. Many tombstones are found erected by fellow-slaves and fellow-freedmen.
—locabat: i.e. the fellow-slaves paid the expenses of the burial, and contracted with the regular undertakers.
10. hoc: i.e. the public lot described in v. 12, but agreeing with sepulchrum. — stabat sepulchrum: the word stabat would seem to imply a real tomb, but as sepulchrum is used of any burial place, stabat goes with it naturally in the sense of was.

II. Pantolabo, etc. (Get-what-you-can): one of Horace's favorite side thrusts at two poor creatures whom he despises. — scurrae: many persons in antiquity literally lived by their wits, getting invitations to dinner in return for the amusement they afforded, acting somewhat like the court fools of later times. Naturally, being without visible means of support, they were despised by their more fortunate patrons.

12. in fronte, i.e. on the street. — cippus, a small square pillar with the inscription to mark the place and size of the lot. Such inscriptions are numerous. E.g.

D.M. FORTVNATO IVLI FRONTONIS
ACTORI
PATRATA CONIV: BENEMERENTI ET
FILI FECERVNT IN F P XX IN AGR P XXV
HMHN.S.
(Hoc Monumentum Heredes Ne Segnatur.)
— in agrum, in depth.
13. dabat, assigned for a burial place for the people. — heredes, etc.; i.e. separating the lot from the property of the person who gave it. — monumentum: refer-
Nunc licet Esquiliis habitare salubribus atque
aggere in aprico spatiari, quo modo tristes
albis informem spectabant ossibus agrum;
cum mihi non tantum furesque feraeque, suetae
hunc vexare locum, curae sunt atque labori,
quantum carminibus quae versant atque venenis
humanos animos. Has nullo perdere possum
nec prohibere modo, simul ac vaga luna decorum
protulit os, quin ossa legant herbasque nocentis.
Vidi egomet nigra succinctam vadere palla

ring loosely to the place, but quoting
the most common form of the pro-
vision, as above given. _locus_, which
is often used, would be more exact.
— _ne sequetur_, _i.e. with the pro-
vision that_, etc., quoted indirectly
from the language of the inscrip-
tions. Horace's form implies a di-
rect _sequatur_, which does not occur
in full in inscriptions. The word,
however, is very rarely written out in
full, and the sense of _non sequitur_,
which does occur, is really the same.

14. _nunc_, etc.: later, apparently,
the burial place had been discon-
tinued in part, though tombs farther
out, perhaps beyond the _aggere_ of
Servius, were still remaining (see
v. 36). — _salutaribus, i.e. and find
it wholesome_; in a predicate use.

15. _aggere_: the great earth-wall
built on the east side of the city by
Servius Tullius, part of which still
exists. Probably the ground was
appropriated to ordinary uses as far
as this, still leaving tombs beyond.
— _quo_, abl. = _ubi_: referring to
the Esquiline in general, not to the
_aggere._ — _tristes, sadly._

16. _informem, hideous._

17. _cum, while_: the construct-
ion seems to be that of _cum invers-
sum_ (Gr. § 325, 6). — _fures_: to
steal the fruit, cf. v. 4. — _ferae_: pos-
sibly birds and beasts of prey prowl-
ing for the bones, etc., but more
probably in search of the fruit, as in
v. 4, _aves_. Cf. also _curae atque
labori_, v. 18. — _suetae_: three syl-
lables.

19. _carminibus atque venenis,
spells and charms_, referring to the
whole magical paraphernalia. —
_quae, the women who_, _i.e. who came
to this old cemetery for magic._
Everything connected with death
has been an instrument of witch-
craft in all ages.

20. _perdere, confound_; used
loosely as the active of _pereant_,
which would be his wish for them.

21. _vaga_: _i.e. among the stars._

22. _protulit_: _i.e. probably at the
rising of the full moon_, which was
a favorite time for magic. — _ossa
herbasque_: these were particularly
efficacious. Cf. _Epode_ V. 17 and
note to v. 19.

23. _vidi_: here begins the special
incident, and in a kind of epic style,
to produce a pseudo-pathetic effect.
— _nigra_: as the funereal color. Cf.
the "black art." — _palla_: we can
not be sure exactly what sort of a
dress she wore, but it was no doubt
different from the ordinary wear.
The _palla_ seems to have been a
plain piece of cloth for drapery, but
capable of adjustment to the body
by a girdle and by clasps on the
Canidiam pedibus nudis passoque capillo, cum Sagana maiore ululantem. Pallor utrasque fecerat horrendas aspectu. Scalpere terram unguibus et pullam divellere mordicus agnam coeperunt; cruor in fossam confusus, ut inde manis elicerent, animas responsa daturas. Lanea et effigies erat, altera cerea: maior lanea, quae poenis compesceret inferiorem; cerea suppliciter stabant servilibus, ut quae iam peritura, modis. Hecaten vocat altera, saevam altera Tisiphonen; serpentis atque videres infernas errare canes, Lunamque rubentem, ne foret his testis, post magna latere sepulchra. Mentior at si quid, merdis caput inquirer albis

shoulders. Probably it was also girded up shorter than usual, as is indicated by succinctam (see Rich, Dictionary of Antiquities).

25. Sagana maiore: there seems no reason why the natural meaning of “the elder of two Saganas,” both sorceresses, should not be taken. The person is mentioned again in Epode V. 25. — ululantem: repeating the incantations in a tone suitable to the occasion; used regularly of women’s cries. — pallor: naturally the officiating persons are frightened also (Epode V. 27).

26. scalpere terram, etc.: the regular rite in necromancy seems to have been to dig a ditch and sacrifice a black sheep into it. This process was to make the shades give prophetic answers, which are also referred to in v. 41, the nature of which, however, does not appear. Still we need not expect the story to be exact about such a matter. Cf. next note for a similar loose statement.

27. mordicus: to give the picture of furies, as it were.

30. lanea: the process here is often referred to. The two puppets represent the person seeking the enchantment and the one to be affected, one being subject to the action of heat, and the other not. In Virgil (Ecl. VIII. 80) they are of clay and wax respectively. The waxen one is to be melted in the fire of love, while the other remains unaffected. — maior: as indicating superior power and mastery. The whole implies that whatever the puppet suffers will be transferred by the magic art to the person represented. So the symbolism is carried as far as possible, even to peritura (suppliciter stabat).

32. servilibus, i.e. die in torment. Probably in all this two or three rites are confounded (cf. Virgil, Ecl. VIII. 80), as also in the following. — serpentis atque canes, attendants upon Hecate.

35. rubentem: the moon is comically represented as blushing, and hiding behind the great tombs in the neighborhood.

37. mentior, etc.: the adjuration
corvorum, atque in me veniat mictum atque cacatum Iulius et fragilis Pediatria furque Voranus.

Singula quid memorem? quo pacto alterna loquentes umbrae cum Sagana resonarent triste et acutum, utque lupi barbam variae cum dente colubrae Abdiderint furtim terris, et imagine cerea largior arserit ignis; et ut non testis inultus horruerim voces Furiarum et facta duarum: nam, displosa sonat quantum vesica, pepedi diffissa nate ficus: at illae currere in urbem; Canidiae dentes, altum Saganae caliendrum excidere atque herbas atque incantata lacertis vincula cum magno risuque iocoque videres.

gives a comic effect to the story, just as if one said, "You may not believe it, but it's a fact," at the end of a Munchausen tale. Of course his oath is suited to his nature.

39. Iulius, etc.: another side thrust. The first person is unknown, but he must be the same sort of person as the others who are described. — fragilis, the weakling: of effeminacy. — Pediatria: really a man, but spoken of thus on account of his effeminacy.

40. alterna, i.e. of questions and answers.

41. resonarent: the imperfect cannot be explained. Either the reading resonarint ought to be adopted, or we must suppose it a lapse on Horace's part. — triste et acutum: the feeble and piping voice regularly attributed to the shades. Cf. Aen. VI. 493.

42. lupi barbam: these seem to have been charms against opposing magic on the part of others.

43. cerea: dissyllabic by synizesis.

44. arserit: i.e. the wax melted and ran into the fire. This has not been mentioned before, but is understood as one of the regular accompaniments. Cf. note to v. 30. — ut non, etc., how it was not as an unavenged spectator that, etc.

45. Furiarum: cf. note to v. 27.

46. quantum: a kind of cogn. acc. with sonat.

48. dentes, false teeth, which were not uncommon among the ancients. — caliendrum, some sort of a headdress, the form of which is unknown. It was evidently, however, tall, and perhaps some Eastern cap, like the Persian tiara, for instance.

49. herbas, vincula: the machinery of their magic that they held in their arms. — incantata, equal to enchanted, i.e. arranged with spells, solemn formulae to give magic power. The vincula would be love-knots to bind fast the person to be affected. The whole is probably not very exact.

50. videres, you might have seen (Gr. § 311, a).
Ibam forte via Sacra, sicut meus est mos, nescio quid meditans nugarum, totus in illis: accurrit quidam notus mihi nomine tantum, arreptaque manu, 'Quid agis, dulcissime rerum?' 'suaviter, ut nunc est,' inquam, 'et cupio omnia quae vis.'

Cum adsectaretur, 'Numquid vis?' occupo. At ille 'Noris nos' inquit; 'docti sumus.' Hic ego 'Pluris

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9. This Satire, one of the most famous, treats of the efforts of a pushing aspirant to social recognition to attach himself to Horace from ambitious motives. In a society so aristocratic, and at the same time so unstable, as was the Roman at this period, social ambitions must have had a very active stimulation. Horace's own rise in life had been extraordinary, and mere vulgar aspirants and snobs could not but attribute it to the same selfish and pushing arts that they were in the habit of using, and endeavor to unite with him, and get his support for their own advancement.

1. ibam: cf. 6. 112 and 122. — via sacra: the Boulevards of Rome, the favorite lounging-place, alongside the forum, and where the most brilliant out-door life was carried on.

2. nugarum: probably some effort in verse.

3. accurrit: his manner of approach already suggests his effusiveness.

4. arrepta: this action is also excessive; a simple salve would have been enough. — quid agis: the common very familiar salutation, like How are you? or How goes it? — dulcissime, etc., my dearest fellow; still more familiar. — rerum: partitive genitive (equivalent to "in the world"), but the gender of the adjective is determined by the sense. The best translation is that given under the previous word.

5. suaviter, etc.: a polite but distant reception of the salute; especially is cupio, etc. (I wish you every success, I'm sure) only an expression of thanks for his interest. — ut nunc est, i.e. as the times go.

6. adsectaretur, followed me up, as Horace proceeds on his way. — numquid vis: the regular formula of leave-taking, There's nothing I can do for you, is there? — occupo, I anticipate him with.

7. noris nos, yes, make my acquaintance. It was not uncommon to reply to this formula in a sense contrary to its meaning, with a kind of pleasantry, as, Yes, take care of yourself; but here the snob will not be turned off, and so rudely tells the object of his address. The verb properly depends on vis. — docti, an accomplished artist, i.e. a trained literary man, and diner out, cf. v. 22. — pluris, etc.: like O indeed! I shall think more of you, I'm sure, a cool reply.
hoc' inquam 'mihi eris.' Misere discedere quaerens, ire modo ocius, interdum consistere, in aurem dicere nescio quid puero, cum sudor ad imos manaret talos. 'O te, Bolane, cerebri felicem!' æiebam tacitus; cum quidlibet ille garriret, vicos, urbem laudaret. Vt illi nil respondebam, 'Misere cupis' inquit 'abire; iamdudum video; sed nil agis; usque tenebo; persequer: hinc quo nunc iter est tibi?' 'Nil opus est te circumagi; quendam volo visere non tibi notum; trans Tiberim longe cubat is, prope Caesaris hortos.' 'Nil habeo quod agam, et non sum piger; usque sequar te.' Demitto auriculas, ut iniquae mentis asellus, cum gravius dorso subiit onus. Incipit ille: 'Si bene me novi, non Viscum pluris amicum, non Varium facies; nam quis me scribere pluris

8. hoc, i.e. on account of your accomplishments. — misere quaerens, wretchedly anxious.
10. puero: pretending to have some business with his slave who was following him. — sudor: from desperation.
12. felicem, that is, blessed with, because he would not be restrained by politeness from shaking off the intruder, as Horace was. — tacitus, to myself.
13. vicos, urbem: i.e. talking about the parts of the city as they went on, for the purpose of making conversation.
14. misere, etc.: the bore could not help seeing that his presence was unwelcome, and so resorts to the vulgar expedient of jesting about it in a way which would be almost rude even in the greatest intimacy.
15. nil agis, it's of no use.— usque tenebo, I will stick fast to you.
16. persequer, I will follow you up.— quo: interrogative, whither? which way? — nil opus, etc., oh, there's no occasion for you to go out of your way.
17. quendam, a man.
18. cubat, lies sick.— hortos, an estate on the Janiculum, left by Julius Caesar to the Roman people.
20. demitto auriculas: as an indication of forced submission to a disagreeable necessity. — iniquae mentis, of sullen temper.
21. The bore now gradually leads up to his accomplishments to show what a useful friend he would be in society.
aut citius possit versus? quis membra movere mollius? invidet quod et Hermogenes ego canto.

Interpellandi locus hic erat: 'Est tibi mater, cognati, quis te salvo est opus?'—'Haud mihi quisquam; omnis composui.'—'Felices! Nunc ego resto. Confice; namque instat fatum mihi triste, Sabella quod pueru cecinit divina mota anus urna:

"Hunc neque dira venena, nec hosticus auferet ensis, nec laterum dolor aut tussis, nec tarda podagra; garculus hunc quando consumet cumque; loguacis, si sapiat, vitel, simul atque adoleverit aetas."

Ventum erat ad Vestae, quarta iam parte diei praeterita, et casu tunc respondere vadato debebat; quod ni fecisset, perdere litem.

24. membra movere, dance.
25. mollius, more gracefully. Dancing was a rather disreputable accomplishment among the Romans at this time (cf. Cic. pro Mur. VI. 13).—quod: the acc. of the thing after invidet. Its antecedent id or tale would be the object of canto.
26. hic locus erat, etc.: apparently the opportunity was his mention of his accomplishments, to which Horace replies, as if feeling that so accomplished a man was too valuable to expose to danger; "have you any friends dependent on you?" implying that there is danger in going to see the sick person. The answer destroys this hope of getting rid of him, and Horace's reply as far as v. 35 must be supposed to be made aside in his own thought. It is obvious that if Horace's good nature would allow him to speak in that tone to the fellow, he would have got rid of him long before.
20. confice: jocosely said, as if he had bored all his friends to death, and now was going to crown the whole by killing off Horace. Of course the allusion to his destiny is an invention.—Sabella: the Sabines and the mountain people generally were famous for superstitions and divination, acting, it would seem, as a sort of gipsies.
30. divina, prophetic.—urna, in which the lots (sortes) were cast (cf. Od. II. 3. 26), and shaken (mota), whereupon one came to the surface, which was drawn out.
32. tussis: i.e. consumption.—tarda, crippling: a transferred epithet; it was the patient that was slow.
33. quando ... cumque, at some time or other, whenever it is.
35. Vestae (Gr. § 214. b): in their ramble they had come to the south end of the Forum, near which was the temple of Vesta and the courts of justice.—quarta: i.e. it was past nine.
36. vadato, a plaintiff in a lawsuit, who had made him give bail to appear on this day.
37. debebat, he was bound.—fecisset: in informal indirect discourse for fecerit of the direct (cf.
‘Si me amas,’ inquit, ‘paulum hic ades.’ ‘Inteream, si aut valeo stare aut novi civilia iura; et propero quo scis.’ ‘Dubius sum quid faciam,’ inquit, ‘tene relinquam an rem.’ ‘Me, sodes.’ ‘Non faciam,’ ille, et praecedere coepit. Ego, ut contendere durum est cum victore, sequor. ‘Maecenas quomodo tecum?’ hinc repetit; ‘paucorum hominum et mentis bene sanae; nemo dexterius fortuna est usus. Haberes magnum adiutorem, posset qui ferre secundas, hunc hominem velles si tradere; disperseam, ni summosses omnis.’ ‘Non isto vivimus illic reddidisses, Od. I. 10. 9), as it would appear in the terms of the contract of bail. — perdere (with debebat): i.e. the case would go against him by default.

38. si me amas, equal to if you will be so kind. Prosody, si me āmās. e shortened before a, as in Greek. — ades, attend me; as advocatus, not an advocate, but an adviser and friend to suggest the law and give him moral support. — inteream, confound me. The condition (si valeo, etc.) is of the kind where no opinion is expressed, and a wish takes the place of the indicative in apodosis.

39. stare: best taken literally, “bear the fatigue of the court.”— novi, etc.: i.e. he would be of no use.

41. rem, his case. — sodes (si audes, if you please), i.e. by all means.

43. victore: i.e. he had beaten him so many times that Horace was now discouraged and let him have his own way. — Maecenas, etc.: the bore now comes to his real object. — quomodo, equal to on what terms.

44. hinc repetit, he begins again (his talk) with that. — paucorum, etc., of few friends, and has a very level head, i.e. has made a shrewd use of his luck. This is said as if Maecenas’ choice of friends had been prompted by such motives.

45. haberes (in the contrary to fact construction) implies, of course, that Horace has no desire of making his acquaintance, but thereby makes the request all the more important.

46. secundas (sc. partes), etc., support you, or with another figure, play into your hands.

47. hunc hominem, your humble servant. — tradere, introduce, a technical term, almost. — disperseam: the same construction as in v. 38; its protasis is the truth of the proposition ni summosses, which is itself conditioned on the preceding si velles.

48. summosses: the pluperfect seems to refer to the rapidity of the action; you would shove them all aside in a twinkling. Horace here-upon endeavors to persuade the bore that he misunderstands the situation; the coterie has no such relations among its members.
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quo tu rere modo; domus hac nec purior utt a est
nec magis his aliena malis; nil mi officit,' inquam,
'ditior hic aut est quia doctior; est locus uni
cuique suus.' 'Magnum narras, vix credibile!' 'Atqui
sic habet.' 'Accendis, quare cupiam magis illi
proximus esse.' 'Velis tantummodo: quae tua virtus,
expugnabis; et est qui vinci possit, eoque
difficilis aditus primos habet.' 'Haud mihi deero:
muneribus servos corrumpam; non, hodie si
exclusus fuero, desistam; tempora quaeram,
occurram in triviis, deducam. Nil sine magno
vita labore dedit mortalibus.' Haec dum agit, ecce
Fuscus Aristius occurrit, mihi carus et illum
qui pulchre nosset. Consistimus. 'Vnde venis?' et
'Quo tendis?' rogat et respondet. Vellere coepi
et prensare manu lentissima brachia, nutans,

49. domus: of Mæcenas.—pu-
rior, more free.
50. aliena, at variance with.
52. magnum, etc.: the bore can-
not believe in such a state of things;
so he flatteringly says that it increases
his eagerness to get into the set.
54. Horace now changes his tone,
and says humorously that he has
only to try and he will succeed, no
doubt covertly alluding to the bore's
prowess in his own case.
55. est qui, etc.: i.e. he has his
weak spots, and so guards more
carefully the first access to him.
56. Horace shows the worthless
character of the fellow by the view
which he takes of Horace's sugges-
tion, and the means which he pro-
poses to use.
58. tempora, favorable opportu-
nities.
59. triviis, at the street corners.
—deducam, escort to the Forum,
a technical expression.—nil, etc.:
the comic effect is heightened by

the use of a proverb which in the
mouth of a hero would be com-
mandable. The kind of labor re-
ferred to, however, makes it con-
temptible here.
60. haec dum agit, while he is
talking in this way.
61. Fuscus Aristius, one of the
poet's best friends. Cf. I. 10. 83,
62. nosset: a characteristic rel-
ative clause, showing clearly the
nature of such clauses by its con-
nection with an adjective, to which
it is equivalent.—unde venis, etc.:
ordinary familiar salutations.
63. rogat, etc., is asked and an-
swered, on both sides.—vellere,
e tc.: the poet begins to nudge him
(strictly, pull his toga), and make
signs for Fuscus to relieve him by
claiming an engagement with him,
or the like.
64. lentissima, unresponsive,
which did not resist enough to feel
the pull.

65. male salsus, the wicked wag, wishing to play a malicious joke on Horace.
66. dissimulare, pretended not to notice it.—bilis: the bile was anciently supposed to be the seat of the passions, here of anger.
67. certe, etc., I’m sure you were saying, etc., making up an engagement for the purpose.
69. tricesima: the Jews seem to have had a festival once a month, not strictly the thirtieth Sabbath, but so called because of the familiar weekly Sabbath. The mention of the Jews at all shows an extraordinary spread of their rites.—vin’, the colloquial form for visne, as in the comedy.
70. curtis, circumsicid. — oppedere: a coarse term for insult, of course by doing business on their holy day.
71. religio, religious scruple.—infirmior: rather weak in those matters, not strong-minded enough to be free from superstition.
72. huncine, etc.: a construc-

tion especially common in the Comedy, equal to to think that this, etc.
73. surrexe, old form for surrexisse, cf. 5. 79.
74. sub cultro: a figure from the sacrifice.
75. adversarius, the same person referred to as vadatus in v. 36.—quo (sc. is), i.e. why don’t you appear?
76. licet antestari: the formula used to appeal to a person, asking his permission to use him as a witness; here, of course, to establish the fact that the man was found breaking his bail, in which case the plaintiff could seize him.
77. auriculam: the party seems to have touched the ear, the seat of memory, to warn the witness to remember the circumstances. See Ecl. VI. 4, and Fig. 21, Greenough’s Virgil.
78. Apollo: probably only as the president of the Muses, and patron of poetry and guardian of poets. The poet’s usual guardian is Mercury (Od. II. 17. 29).
Nempe in recomposito dixi pede currere versus Lucili. Quis tam Lucili fautor inepti est ut non hoc fateatur? At idem, quod sale multo urbem defricuit, charta laudatur eadem.

SATIRE 10. This satire contains a defence of Horace's criticisms on Lucilius in Sat. I. 4, and a general defence of his own style of composition.

1. The first eight lines, printed in italics, are found in some but not all of the Mss., and their authenticity is denied by most scholars. It does not seem likely from the internal evidence that they are Horace's work. It is barely possible that they may have been originally written by him, and afterwards left out upon a revision of the Satire. But even this is not likely.—Cato, Valerius Caton, a poet and grammarian, of Gaul, who, we may conclude, undertook to modernize Lucilius.

3. hoc, so much, correlative with quo.

4. illo: apparently refers to another emender of Lucilius, afterwards referred to as equitum doctissimus.

5. qui: referring to illo.

6. exhortatus: used passively like many participles of deponents. —opem ferre, come to the rescue of, i.e. by modernizing and emending, as English poets have sometimes done with Chaucer.

7. fastidia, fastidious taste.

8. illuc: must be taken as referring to the general subject of Lucilius, from which he has diverged in his talk about his emenders. But the whole eight lines are very obscure, and perhaps not worth understanding.

1. nempe, yes, or true; in answer to a criticism on his remark about Lucilius, in I. 4. 8 and 11, and opposed by at in v. 3.—incomposito, careless or rough measure.

2. inepte: modifying fautor, which is used in the sense of an adjective. In translating, it is better to make fautor a noun, and inepte an adjective.

3. idem, he, at the same time.—sale: used often of witty satire, but the figure is here made more vivid by defricuit. It may be imitated by made the city smart, with caustic wit.

4. charta: cf. I. 5. 104.—laudatur: see I. 4. 1-8, where he is spoken of in the highest terms.
Nec tamen, hoc tribuens, dederim quoque cetera; nam sic
et Laberi mimos ut pulchra poemata mirer.
Ergo non satis est risu diducere rictum
auditoris (et est quaedam tamen hic quoque virtus);
est brevitate opus, ut currat sententia neu se
impediat verbis lassas onerantibus auris;
et sermone opus est modo tristi, saepe iocosos,
defendente vicem modo rhetoris atque poetae,
interdum urbani, parcentis viribus atque
extenuantis eas consulto. Ridiculum acri
fortius et melius magnas plerumque secat res.

Illi, scripta quibus comoedia prisca viris est,
hoc stabant, hoc sunt imitandi; quos neque pulcher
Hermogenes umquam legit, neque simius iste

dealogue alone is not enough; there
must be a serious vein as well, to
give variety.

12. defendente, support: cf. tu-
eri, the more common expression.—
vicem, the part.—rhetoris atque
poetae, the serious style of the orator and poet.

13. urbani, of the wit.—par-
centis: i.e. treating a subject light-
ly, not speaking with as much moral
fervor as the poet or orator.

14. ridiculum: the style of the urbanus just referred to.— acri:
the style of the orator and poet.

15. secat, decides (cuts knots),

16. illi: Aristophanes and the
like, the writers of the old comedy

17. stabant, kept their ground,
a word borrowed from the stage,
like "run" in English.—pulcher:
a term of reproach, indicating effem-
inacy.

18. Hermogenes, etc.: refer-
ring. no doubt, to the clique of
nil praeter Calvum et doctus cantare Catullum.  
\textit{At magnum fecit, quod verbis Graeca Latinis miscuit.} O seri studiorum! quine putetis difficile et mirum, Rhudio quod Pitholeonti contigit? \textit{At sermo lingua concinnus utraque suavior, ut Chio nota si commixa Falerni est.}
Cum versus facias, te ipsum percontor, an et cum dura tibi peragenda rei sit causa Petilli?

Horace's critics, who, he implies, are incapacitated for criticism in this matter because they never read Greek, and don't know what they are talking about. —\textit{simius}: perhaps on account of his tricks which he used to amuse society. Cf. I. 9. 24 and v. 80. The reference is said to be to Demetrius. See v. 79.

19. \textit{Calvum}, C. Licinius Calvus, a contemporary of Cicero, and friend of Catullus. The reproach here is aimed, no doubt, at the prettiness of their love songs. We can hardly tell about Calvus, but Catullus was certainly superior to Horace in the poetic gift.

20. \textit{magnum fecit}: in the general admiration of Greek literature, no doubt there were men who actually thought the interlarding of Greek words was a merit. Their claim is introduced to be disallowed. —\textit{Graeca}: Lucilius uses whole sentences of Greek.

21. \textit{seri studiorum} (cf. \textit{cerebri felicem}, I. 9. 11), \textit{pedantic blockheads}, a translation of \textit{δυσμαθεῖς}, late to learn, and so filled with the zeal of a new convert, putting in at all times what they have just learned. Cf. Gell. XI. 7. —\textit{quine}: this difficult expression is the despair of grammarians. The \textit{-ne absolu-
lutely requires a question either in the clause itself or in the principal clause (cf. Plaut. \textit{Truc.} II. 6. 53). But no question including the meaning of \textit{qui} seems exactly right. It is best taken in the sense of “How can you think,” etc., in which case the \textit{-ne} would only be added to the interrogative as in \textit{utrumne}. Possibly \textit{qui} might be indefinite, as in \textit{Hercle qui}, and the like, of the comedy. In this case it would mean, “Can you have any idea?” etc., and the expression would be a popular one not appearing elsewhere in literature.


23. \textit{at}: introducing an argument of his adversaries; \textit{but, you say}. —\textit{lingua}: abl. of means. —\textit{concin-
nus, neatly joined}.

24. \textit{Chio}: the Greek wines were sweeter and less harsh than the Latin, and hence an agreeable mixture was made of the two. —\textit{nota}: \textit{the brand} put for the wine. The opponent uses this practice as an example to prove the advantage of mixing the two languages.

25. \textit{cum}, etc.: Horace meets the argument by reducing it to an absurdity, asking if it is only in poetry, or will it hold good in oratory also. —\textit{te ipsum}, etc.: implying that they themselves could see the folly of such a course in a plea in court.

26. Petilli: a famous law case (see I. 4. 94) is used as a sample of all.
scilicet oblitus patriaeque patrisque Latini cum Pedius causas exsudet Publicola atque Corvinus, patriis intermiscere petita verba foris malis, Canusini more bilinguis?
atque ego cum Graecos facerem, natus mare citra, versiculos, vetuit me tali voce Quirinus, post median noctem visus, cum somnia vera:
‘In silvam non ligna feras insanius, ac si magnas Graecorum malis implere catervas.’

Turgidus Alpinus iugulat dum Memnona, dumque defingit Rheni luteum caput, haec ego ludo,

27. scilicet, etc.: *i.e.* to be consistent, of course, they must also ask the great orator to use Greek as well. — oblitus, etc.: that is, forgetting that you are a Roman.

28. Pedius: Q. Pedius Publicola was a brother of M. Valerius Messala Corvinus, but adopted into the gens Pedia. These two are types of great orators. — exsudet: a humorous expression for “work out” their difficult cases for their orations.

29. patriis (*sc.* verbis from *verba* below). — intermiscere: the regular grammar would require *eos* expressed, but it is readily supplied from the names which have just occurred.

30. foris: *i.e.* from Greece. — Canusini: at Canusium Greek and Oscan would both be spoken.

31. atque ego, etc.: the answer is supposed already to be given, and the absurdity shown, whereupon Horace makes the argument still stronger by showing that it isn’t well for a Roman to write Greek poetry at all. This he enforces by a fable of his own case. It is probably true so far as the main idea is concerned.

32. tali, the words in vv. 34, 35.

33. cum, etc., an old superstition.

34. in silvam, etc., a common proverb, like coals to Newcastle, and ἔλεος "έθερας. The fable gives him a transition to his own style and his reason for adopting it.

36. turgidus: probably with a double meaning, as there is no reason to doubt the assertion of the scholiast that M. Furius Bibaculus is meant (cf. II. 5. 41). If he is, he was no doubt called Alpinus in mockery of his poem on the Alps. (see above citation). — iugulat: with a double meaning, of a poem in which Memnon, son of Tithonus and Aurora, was killed by Achilles. The poem is said by a scholiast to have been an Ἔθιοπις.

37. defingit, muddles: *i.e.* by describing it badly, using no doubt the epithet luteum. — caput: probably the mouth, but it may mean the source. The former seems more likely on account of luteum. — haec ego ludo, *i.e.* “I, having been advised not to write Greek poetry, and not wishing to imitate the tasteless effusions of Alpinus in epic poetry, content myself with these trifles in a sportive strain, not to be recited for a prize, nor to appear on the stage. Others can do
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quae neque in aede sonent certantia iudice Tarpa, nec redeant iterum atque iterum spectanda theatris. Arguta meretrice potes Davoque Chremeta eludente senem comis garrire libellos unus vivorum, Fundani; Pollio regum facta canit pede ter percusso; forte epos acer, ut nemo, Varius ducit; molle atque facetum

those things better.” He then proceeds to consider the mastery in the different styles to others,—to Fundanius in comedy (cf. Sat. II. 8. 19); to C. Asinius Pollio, famed as a statesman, orator, and historian as well, in tragedy; in epic poetry, to Varius (cf. I. 5. 40); in rural scenes to Virgil, whose Aeneid had not yet been written. He has not tried to rival these, but has chosen a branch in which he could excel.

38. in aede, etc.: a free allusion to recitation for prizes, though no definite occasion is known.—Tarpa: Sp. Mæcius Tarpa was a friend of Pompey, and chosen by him as a literary critic to select the play for his new theatre. He probably contrived to hold the same position, as a judge of literature under Augustus (cf. A. P. 387), though the reference may be to any judge.

40. arguta, etc.: the two methods of publication are referred to in chiastic order: first, comedy and tragedy for the theatre; second, epic and bucolic poetry for recitation. —meretrice: in the abl. absolute with eludente, giving the subject of the writing through the characters usually appearing in that form of composition.—arguta, cunning. —meretrice, one of the most common characters in the comedy.—Davo, a characteristic slave name. See Ter. Andria.—Chremeta, the old man of the comedy. See Ter. Adelphi.

41. eludente: the tricks of the slave, who assists his young master in deceiving the father, form the staple of the new comedy. The meretrix also assisted in these.

41. comis (with libellos), witty and elegant.—garrire, rattle off. The word is chosen on account of the light character of the dialogue. —libellos, i.e. works, a cognate acc. with garrire.

42. Fundani: mentioned also in II. 8. 19, as belonging to the Mæenas coterie, but none of his works are known.—regum, i.e. chieftains like Agamemnon, etc., in tragedy. See next note.

43. pede ter percussa, i.e. in the iambic trimeter, the staple verse of tragedy. Though the verse has six feet, it has only three marked ictus. Cf. A. P. 252.—forte, powerful, on account of the stirring scenes depicted. —acer, vigorous, on account of the spirit which the author must have.

44. Varius: cf. I. 5. 40.—dicit: the figure is from spinning, but weaving the web of, etc., is perhaps better in English.—ut nemo, sc. alius.—molle: the gentleness of bucolic poetry, as opposed to the vigor of epic.—facetum, i.e. elegant and polished. Cf. Facetum quoque non tantum circa ridicula opinor consistere. . . . Decoris hanc magis et excultae cuiusdam elegantiae appellationem puto. Quintil. VI. 3. 20.
HORATI SERMONES.

Vergilio adnuerunt gaudentes rure Camenae. 45
Hoc erat, experto frustra Varrone Atacino
atque quibusdam aliis, melius quod scribere possem,
inventore minor; neque ego illi detrahere ausim
haerentem capiti cum multa laude coronam.

At dixi fluere hunc lutulentum, saepe ferentem
plura quidem tollenda relinquentis. Age, quaeso,
tu nihil in magnos doctus reprehendis Homero?
non ridet versus Enni gravitate minores,
cum de se loquitur non ut maiore reprensis?
Quid vetat et nosmet Lucili scripta legentis
quaerere, num illius, num rerum dura negari?

45. adnuerunt, have granted, i.e.
given the power to write in that
manner.

46. hoc, i.e. satire.—erat: re-
ferring to the time when Horace
made his choice.—experto: i.e.
had tried it unsuccessfully, not as
those in the other branches in such
a way as to forbid competition.—
Varrone: P. Terentius Varro, called
Atacinus from the river Atax in
Narbonese Gaul, where he was born,
was a very industrious and copious
poet, who tried many styles of com-
position, but whose light was ob-
scured by the more brilliant men
who succeeded him. He was born
82 B.C.

47. quibusdam: such as M.
Terentius Varro, L. Abbucius, Ser-
vius Nicanor.—melius: i.e. than
they.

48. inventore minor, i.e. though
inferior to Lucilius.—neque ego,
etc.: the main point of the whole.
Horace was charged with setting
himself up as superior to Lucilius,
and criticising arrogantly the work
of his master. This he here ex-
pressly denies.

50. at dixi, but I did say (I ad-
mit), proceeding to show that such
criticism is the natural thing in the
improvement of literature from age
to age, even in regard to so great
a genius as Homer. The passage
referred to is I. 4. 11, and the figure
is that of a torrent.

51. tollenda: the part to be re-
jected is even more than that to be
retained.

52. doctus, learned critic, an
almost technical expression for a
professional man in any art.

53. So also Lucilius improves on
Accius, though in the line of tragedy.
—comis, genial and witty.

54. gravitate minores, inferior
in dignity, to the requirements of
the subject.

55. At the same time Lucilius
does not claim that he is superior
to these earlier writers, though he
criticises them.

56. Therefore there is no objec-
tion to Horace's following Lucilius'
example, and criticising him in his
turn.

57. illius, his own, i.e. the char-
acter of the poet's genius.—re
versiculos natura magis factos et euntis mollius, ac si quis, pedibus quid claudere senis, hoc tantum contentus, amet scripsisse ducentos ante cibum versus, totidem cenatus; Etrusci quale fuit Cassi rapido ferventius amnibus ingenium, capsis quem fama est esse librisque ambustum propriis. Fuerit Lucilius, inquam, comis et urbanus, fuerit limatior idem quam rudis et Graecis intacti carminis auctor, quamque poetarum seniorum turba; sed ille, si foret hoc nostrum fato dilatus in aevum, detereret sibi multa, recideret omne quod ultra rum: the character of his subjects. — dura, rough and stiff, not flexible so as to yield to the elegances of poetry.

58. versiculos, etc.: i.e. smooth and flowing, and carefully finished verse.

59. ac, etc.: than would naturally be the case with one that wrote as he did, carelessly and copiously, in the manner of his age. — pedibus senis, i.e. hexameters. — claudere, compose, an almost technical expression for writing poetry, rounding off the lines.

60. hoc: i.e. merely making verse without regard to polish.

61. Etrusci: so called, probably, to distinguish him from the Cassius in Ep. I. 4. 3.

62. Cassi, an unknown poet. — ferventius, rolling on more swiftly.

63. capsis, etc.: i.e. he wrote enough to make his own funeral pile of his manuscripts and their cases. — capsis: these were cases for rolls in which they stood up on end.

64. fuerit: a concession, to which is opposed the sentence with sed ille, v. 67.

65. limatior, more polished. — idem, at the same time, a still greater concession.

66. quam, etc.: i.e. than the inventor of this kind of composition could be expected to be. — rudis, untried (with carminis). Satire was probably not in fact a really new form of literary art, but the Greeks had not brought it to perfection as they had other forms, and hence Lucilius had strictly no one to imitate; therefore the first attempts must necessarily be rough. — intacti: the Romans of Horace's time considered satire as entirely of Roman origin, which in some sense it was. Cf. Quintil. X. i. 93.

67. ille: emphatic; even he would write with much more care and pains if he were alive now; an argument, of course, in favor of Horace's criticism, as well as for his style.

68. dilatus: another reading, dilapsus, gives no sense, and de-lapsus seems forced.

69. detereret, smooth away; referring to the use of the file, cf. limatior. — recideret, prune away; not merely polishing, as in detereret, but suppressing. — ultra perfectione tamen traferetur: i.e. overdone, beyond the golden mean of perfection.
perfectum traheretur, et in versu faciendo
saepe caput scaberet, vivos et roderet unguis.

Saepe stilum vertas, iterum quae digna legi sint
scripturus, neque ut miretur turba labores,
contentus paucis lectoribus. An tua demens
vilibus in ludis dictari carmina malis?
non ego; nam satis est equitem mihi plaudere, ut audax,
contemptis aliis, explosa Arbuscula dixit.
Men’ moveat cimex Pantilius, aut cruciet quod
vellicet absentem Demetrius, aut quod ineptus
Fannius Hermogenis laedat conviva Tigelli?
Plotius et Varius, Maecenas Vergilieuque,

71. *saepe*, etc.: humorous expressions indicating greater pains
in writing, as opposed to the careless style of Lucilius. This thought
leads Horace to descend on the necessity of erasing and doing over
again one’s first effort.

72. *stilum vertas*: the ancient *stilus*, for writing on wax, was made
with a sharp point at one end, and a flat piece at the other to smooth
down (inducere) the wax and obliterate the previous writing.

73. *scripturus*, *if you mean to write*. — *labores*, trouble yourself
to have, try to have.

74. *paucis*: only the better educated few could appreciate perfect work;
it would be too refined to please the people, for whom a different style would be necessary. — *an*: a *reductio ad absurdum*, as often with *an*.

75. *vilibus*: cf. I. 6. 72. — *dictari*: *i.e.* to be used as exercises in
teaching the ignorant to write. It is probable, however, that it was
just this use of Horace’s works and others that has, by the multiplication
of copies, preserved them to us.

76. *equitem*, for the higher classes. — *audax*, undaunted, not
abashed by the displeasure of the crowd.

77. *explosa*, hissed off the stage, whence comes our expression, an
“exploded theory;” though we have a different conception of it now.—
*Arbuscula*, a famous actress in the mimes, the only class of plays in
which women appeared. She is also mentioned by Cic. *ad Att.* VI.
15. Her acting was probably too tame and decent for the coarse
Romans of the lower class.

78. The distinction between the two kinds of readers gives him an
opportunity to hold up to scorn the opposing clique, by putting them
among the populace, and to claim for himself the approval of the more re-
finied.—*cimex*: as we might say *reptile*. — *Pantilius*, an unknown poet.

79. *Demetrius*, also unknown, but very likely the *simius* referred
to in v. 18.

80. *Fannius*, a third of the clique, the garrulous coxcomb mentioned
4. 72, 9. 25, 3. 129 — *conviva*: probably to indicate that they are
both parasites, worthless fellows who made a living by their wits.

81. *Plotius*: see I. 5. 40. — *Varius*: see v. 44.
Valgius, et probet haec Octavius, optimus atque Fuscus, et haec utinam Viscorum laudet uterque! Ambitione relegata te dicere possum, Pollio, te, Messalla, tuo cum fratre, simulque vos, Bibule et Servi, simul his te, candide Furni, compluris alios, doctos ego quos et amicos prudens praetereo; quibus haec, sunt qualiacumque, arridere velim, doliturus si placeant spe deterius nostra. Demetri, teque, Tigelli, discipularum inter iubeo plorare cathedras. I, puer, atque meo citus haec subscribe libello.

82. Valgius, C. Valgius Rufus, an elegiac and epigrammatic poet, a friend of Horace, to whom Od. II. 9 is addressed. His writings are now lost. — Octavius, a poet and historian. Virgil(?) speaks of him, Catalecta XIV., —

"Scripta quidem tua nos multum mirabimur et te Ruptum et Romanam flebimus historiam."

83. Fuscus: see I. 9. 61, Od. I. 22, Ep. I. 10. He was probably only a literary connoisseur, as no works of his are known to us. — Viscorum, one of them is mentioned in I. 9. 22, but they are otherwise unknown.

84. ambitione: as the others were of high rank in prominent positions, he might be accused of ambitious designs in mentioning them; therefore he declares that he has no such designs, and implies that their prominence is so great that he can mention them without suspicion.

85. Pollio: see v. 42. — Messalla: see v. 29. — fratre, Pedius.

86. Bibule, Servi, Furni: otherwise unknown. — his: dative following simul by an imitation of the Greek ἀμια and an extension of words of nearness and likeness.

87. doctos, connoisseurs; cf. v 52 and I. 9. 7.

88. prudens, purposely; cf. im-prudens. — haec, the Satires, to which this one is a kind of envoi. — qualiacumque, such as they are.

89. arridere, give pleasure, a meaning transferred from its proper meaning of smile upon. Cf. Cic. ad Att. XIII. 21. 3. — doliturus: a favorite construction with Horace, but better rendered in English by and I should, etc.

90. deterius, being applied to a good thing, is equivalent to minus, and is very likely colloquial.

91. discipularum: by this word Horace scoffs at these poets as effeminate women's darlings. — iubeo: the regular word, like our bid, here with a kind of double meaning. — plorare, whine, referring to the love-sick songs that these men sang (and perhaps taught also), to the delight of women, and also to the Greek αἰχμαίωμεν (the opposite of χαίρεω). The whole only amounts to, "I leave you to whine among your petticoated pupils, bad luck to you."

LIBER SECUNDUS.

I.

Horat. Sunt quibus in satura videor nimis acer et ultra legem tendere opus; sine nervis altera, quicquid composui, pars esse putat, similisque meorum mille die versus deduci posse. Trebat, quid faciam praescribe. Trebat. Quiescas. Horat. Ne faciam, inquis,

Book II.

Satire i. There is no distinct evidence that the two books of Satires were published separately so as to need an introduction to each, yet this Satire serves as a sort of introduction to the second book, as Satire I. i. is an introduction to the whole. We have in this a defence of the poet’s treatment of satire, in answer to the many charges which had been made by his enemies and critics, upon the reading of the various pieces in a rather large circle of friends. That the Satires must have been given to the world separately in this quasi-public way appears from I. 2. 27 and I. 4. 92. The conception of the piece is perfectly natural, and in the highest degree witty and humorous. Horace is supposed to take advice of an old lawyer as to his proper course, in view of the contradictory criticisms made upon his work; and in the conversation which ensues he treats the subject from all sides, while at the same time he keeps the person of the lawyer distinct from his own in a perfectly dramatic form. As a piece of composition it could hardly be excelled.

1. satura: here, for the first time in literature, this word seems to be used in the sense to which it has later been confined. — videor: the mood of the verb seems to imply that he has definite persons in mind, but it is always the privilege of a poet to speak as if he had, whether he has or not (cf. Od. I. 1. 3). — acer: i.e. in his criticism or invective.

2. legem, i.e. the proper limits of the style of composition (cf. A. P. 135). — tendere, force, a figure taken from the bow. — sine nervis, just the opposite fault to the first, without force, being mere inartistic prose.

4. deduci, spun off; keeping the same figure. — Trebat, C. Trebatius Testa, a jurisconsult, or consulting lawyer, in his youth a friend of Cicero; cf. Cic. ad Fam. VII. 6 and 22. The shortness and authoritative manner of his answers (cf. quiescas, v. 5, and aio, v. 6) indicate an old and experienced lawyer, though at that time he perhaps was not much above fifty, while Horace was about thirty.

5. praescribe: probably the technical term for giving directions
omnino versus? Trebat. Aio. Horat. Peream male, si non optimum erat; verum nequeo dormire. Trebat. Ter uncti transnanto Tiberim, somno quibus est opus alto, irriguumque mero sub noctem corpus habento. Aut, si tantus amor scribendi te rapit, aude Caesaris invicti res dicere, multa laborum praemia laturus. Horat. Cupidum, pater optime, vires deficient; neque enim quivis horrentia pilis agmina nec fracta pereuntis cuspide Gallos which must be followed, as being in accordance with the law.

6. aio, that's what I say. — peream male, confound me; cf. I. 9. 47.

7. erat, would be; instead of the subjunctive, on account of the meaning of the phrase (“necessity, propriety,” etc.). The expression is the apodosis contrary to fact of an omitted protasis, si ita facerem, or the like; but the whole conditional sentence, including both protasis and apodosis, is the protasis of peream male in the form where no opinion is expressed (cf. I. 9. 38 and 47). — dormire: this word at once indicates that it is Horace's nature to write so long as he is awake, thus making it an imperative necessity, and it also gives Horace a chance to allude to two of the foibles of Trebatius, swimming and wine. — ter, etc.: Trebatius, taking note of only the final expression, as if he did not know what it really meant, gives a prescription in the brief professional manner, for insomnia. There is an old superstition about this number. — uncti: the ancients in all their athletic exercises anointed themselves with oil, partly to render the skin soft, and partly to prevent the effect of cold.

8. transnanto: this form of the imperative is in the formal archaic style of laws and prescriptions.

9. irriguum: i.e. drink freely before going to bed.

10. rapit: i.e. with such force as to be irresistible. — aude: the daring would consist in trying so lofty a theme.

11. Caesaris, i.e. Augustus, though he did not receive this appellation till B.C. 27, a few years later. — res, i.e. his warlike exploits, in an epic.

12. laturus: we must break this into another sentence in English, as we are often obliged to do with this favorite construction of Horace. — cupidum: this also should be made a separate clause. — pater, venerable sir, a common form of address in Latin to older persons.

13. deficiunt: i.e. his powers are inadequate to the demands of epic poetry, a deficiency to which he often alludes (Od. I. 6. 9, etc.), but at the same time he contrives to give an indirect hint at what he would say if he tried such themes. — horrentia, etc.: descriptions which one must attempt who essays this form. — pilis: i.e. the Roman army.

14. fracta cuspide: sometimes taken as referring to the device by which the point of a spear was so
aut labentis equo describat volnera Parthi.

_Trebat._ Attamen et iustum poteras et scribere fortum, Scipiadam ut sapiens Lucilius. _Horat._ Haud mihi deero, cum res ipsa feret. Nisi dextro tempore, Flacci verba per attentam non ibunt Caesaris aurem, cui male si palpere, recalcitrat undique tutus.

_Trebat._ Quanto rectius hoc, quam tristi laedere versu Pantolabum scurram Nomentanumque nepotem, cum sibi quisque timet, quamquam est intactus, et odit! _Horat._ Quid faciam? Saltat Milonius, ut semel icto accessit fervor capiti numerosque lucernis;

arranged as to break or bend and become useless after being thrown. As this seems rather far-fetched, we may take it as representing the helpless condition of the enemy with their spears broken in the contest. _Gallos:_ Augustus conducted and sent several expeditions against the Gauls.

15. _equo:_ the strength of the Parthians was in cavalry. _Parthi:_ these were at that time the most formidable enemies of the Romans, but what particular expedition is referred to is uncertain.

16. _iustum, etc.:_ _i.e._ you might at least celebrate the _ civic _ virtues of Augustus. _poteras:_ a conclusion of a suppressed condition contrary to fact; something like "if you chose"; cf. _ optimum erat, v. 7._ _fortem, energetic, _as a ruler.

17. _Scipiadam,_ the younger Africanus; cf. v. 72 _et seg._ The patronymic is chosen because _Scipionem ( _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ) _ could not be used in this verse. The form of the accusative is the more strictly Latin form, and agrees with the Doric dialect. _sapiens:_ _i.e._ he was wise enough to choose civil subjects for his praise of Scipio, and avoid warlike themes.

18. _res ipsa feret:_ _i.e._ when the proper case shall arise. _Flacci:_ _i.e._ a humble man like me, as compared with the great Caesar.

19. _ibunt per, find access to._

20. _palpere:_ the figure is of a horse; but, as often happens, the person and the figure are identified. In English the expression must be softened by saying "who is like a horse, if you stroke him the wrong way," etc. _tutus, himself safe from attack._

21. _quanto, etc.:_ the reply of Trebatius. _tristi, severe or abusive._

22. _Pantolabum, etc.:_ cf. I. 8. 11. _Nomentanum:_ mentioned in I. 1. 102, and elsewhere.

23. _cum sibi, etc.:_ _i.e._ in this case the poet makes enemies of everybody, which is worse than running the risk of offending Caesar.

24. _quid faciam: _the poet's answer: "Every man has his special weakness or hobby, and mine is like Lucilius', to write satire." _saltat Milonius:_ this unknown person had the habit of dancing at banquets, which among the Romans was considered disreputable (cf. Cic. _pro Mur._ VI. 13). _icto, etc., _the heat has flown to his head filled with the fumes of the wine.

25. _numerus accessit:_ the well-
Castor gaudet equis, ovo prognatus eodem pugnis; quot caput vivunt, totidem studiorum milia; me pedibus delectat claudere verba
Lucili ritu, nostrum melioris utroque.
Ille velut fidis arcana sodalibus olim
credebat libris, neque, si male cesserat, usquam decurrens alio, neque si bene; quo fit ut omnis votiva pateat veluti descripta tabella
vita senis. Sequor hunc, Lucanus an Apulus aniceps:
nam Venusinus arat finem sub utrumque colonus,
missus ad hoc, pulsis, vetus est ut fama, Sabellis,
quo ne per vacuum Romano incurreret hostis,
sive quod Apula gens seu quod Lucania bellum incuteret violenta. Sed hic stilus haud petet ultro

known phenomenon of seeing double in intoxication.
26. Castor, etc.: even two twin brothers have different tastes, as in the case of the Dioscuri.
27. pugnis: i.e. as a boxer.—capitum: often used for persons.—totidem, etc., cf. quot homines tot sententiae. Ter. Phorm. II. 4. 14.
28. pedibus, etc.: a kind of light, depreciating way of speaking of his poetry.
29. nostrum, etc.: and so a safe example to follow.
30. arcana, his secrets (acts and thoughts), implying that he had no care to suppress anything from fear.
31. si male cesserat (impers.), if he had fared ill: i.e. he trusted to his books alike his good and evil fortune.
32. votiva: the ancients were accustomed to show their gratitude for escapes from peril by painting the scene on a tablet, usually in the most realistic manner, and hanging up the tablet in the temple of some divinity. Cf. Od. I. 5. 13. The same thank-offering is now paid to the saints.
34. senis, the old poet (not of age, but of antiquity).—Lucanus an Apulus: the mention of the nation seems to indicate that Horace comes of a warlike race, and so may be expected to be a fighting character, at least in poetry. —aniceps: probably nom. masc., agreeing with the subject of sequor.
35. Venusinus, Venusia, the poet’s birthplace, was on the boundary-line of the two races.
36. missus, etc.: this description indicates the warlike character of the two races.—Sabellis, i.e. the Samnites. The colony was planted B.C. 291, in the Third Samnite War.
37. quo ne: equivalent to ut ne.
—vacuum, an undefended point in the line of defences.
39. incuteret: the subjunctive indicates, as usual, that it was the notion of some one else, here of the Romans.—sed: i.e. though I come of this warlike race, my weapon shall never be drawn except in defence.—ultro, unprovoked, prop—
quam animantem, et me veluti custodiet ensis vagina tectus; quem cur destringere coner, tutus ab infestis latronibus? O pater et rex Iuppiter, ut pereat positum robigine telum, nec quisquam noceat cupidus mihi pacis! At ille qui me commorit ('melius non tangere!' clamo), flebit et insignis tota cantabitur urbe. Cervius iratus leges minitatur et urnam, Canidia Albuci quibus est inimica venenum, grande malum Turius, si quid se iudice certes. Vt quo quisque valet suspectos terreat, utque imperet hoc natura potens, sic collige mecum: dente lupus, cornu taurus petit: unde nisi intus monstratum? Scaevae vivacem crede nepoti matrem; nil faciet sceleris pia dextera: mirum, ut neque calce lupus quemquam neque dente petit bos: sed mala toilet anum vitiato melle cicuta. Ne longum faciam: seu me tranquilla senectus

40. animantem, living soul.
41. quem cur, and why... it?
43. ut: used like utinam.—positum, laid away.
45. commorit, stirs me up, or rouses me.—melius non tangere: a common expression, better let me be. Inserted as a parenthesis, it gives a more popular form to the description.
46. flebit, shall smart for it.—cantabitur, shall become a byword.
47. Cervius, etc.: Horace illustrates his use of satire as a weapon of defence, by a list of apparent examples, each of which, however, is a stinging characterization of some notable rascal.—leges: i.e. he is an informer, and uses this function as his weapon against his enemies.
48. Albuci, probably a seller of drugs.
49. Turius, a corrupt juror who will punish his enemy by deciding a case against him.
50. ut: indir. interrog. — quo, etc., with the most powerful weapon which he has.
51. natura, a natural instinct.—sic, i.e. by the following reasoning.
52. intus monstratum, by an inward monition, strictly nisi hoc intus monstratum est.
53. vivacem: i.e. too long-lived for him.
54. nil... dextera: i.e. no act of violence, as that would be contrary to his filial (pia) nature (of course ironical).
57. longum, too long a story.
exspectat seu Mors aquis circumvolat alis,
dives, inops, Romae, seu fors ita iussisset, exul,
quisquis erit vitae, scribam, color. Trebat. O puer, ut sis
vitalis metuo, et maiorum ne quis amicus
frigore te feriat. Horat. Quid, cum est Lucilius ausus
primus in hunc operis componere carmina morem,
detrahere et pellem, nitidus qua quisque per ora
cederet, introrsum turpis, num Laelius aut qui
duxit ab oppressa meritum Carthagine nomen,
ingenio offensi, aut laeso doluere Metello
famosisque Lupo cooperto versibus?

Atqui primores populi arripuit populumque
tributim, scilicet uni aequus virtuti atque
eius amis.

Quin ubi se a volgo et scaena in secreta remorant
virtus Scipiaea et mitis sapientia Laeli,

59. exul: opposed to Romae, from which he might be banished
on account of his satire.

60. color: i.e. as bright or dark with good or bad fortune.

61. vitalis, long-lived (on account of the danger in such a course).—
maiorum, partitive genitive with amicus.

62. frigore, with a chill (by neglect).

64. pellem: probably a remote allusion to the fable of the ass in
nitidus, decked, with a fair outside.

65. turpis, foul, not precisely in the full figurative use, but with a
closer application of the figure than in English.—Laelius, etc.: in
allusion to amicus, v. 61.—qui, etc., Scipio.

67. Metello, Q. Cecilius Metellus Macedonicus, consul B.C. 143, a
violent political opponent of Scipio, and hence the object of the satire
of Lucilius.

68. Lupo, L. Cornelius Lentulus Lupus, consul B.C. 156, another
prominent person satirized by Lucilius. The whole idea is, “if Lucilius’
powerful friends were not alienated by his attacks on the vicious,
why should Horace’s be?” — famosis, abusive, that produce ill
fame.—atqui, and yet; i.e. though they were not offended, yet they
had as much reason to be, as Horace could give his friends.

69. tributim, indiscriminately, lit. a whole tribe at a time.

70. scilicet, evidently; i.e. his conduct shows that he spared only
virtue.

71. quin, why! i.e. instead of being offended, the friends were
only more intimate with him.—scaena, the stage, i.e. public life,
where they were set up to the public gaze.—in secreta, into retirement.

72. virtus, etc.: an old Homeric usage (cf. βις Ἡρακλής) for the
brave Scipio.
nugari cum illo et distincti ludere, donec
decoqueretur holus, soliti. Quicquid sum ego, quamvis
infra Lucili censum ingeniumque, tamen me
cum magnis vixisse invita fatebitur usque
invidia, et, fragili quacrens illidere dentem,
offendet solido, — nisi quid tu, docte Trebati,
dissentis. Trebat. Equidem nihil hinc diffindere possum.
Sed tamen ut monitus caveas, ne forte
invidia, et, fragili quaerens illidere
dentem, offendet solido, nisi quid tu,
docte Trebati. dissentis. Trebat.

73. distincti: cf. “in dressing-gown and slippers.” — donec, etc.: i.e. before dinner, while waiting for their simple country repast.
74. quicquid, etc., such as I am; i.e. though of humble station and abilities.
75. censum, station, as indicated by the census, according to which Lucilius was of Equestrian rank.
77. fragili, etc.: probably alluding to the fable of the Viper and the File.
78. nisi quid, etc.: i.e. “all this I submit with due deference to your learned opinion.”
79. equidem, I, I’m sure. — nihil hinc diffindere, take no exception to this, lit. make no distinction, as the arguments in law consist in distinguishing the particular case from a general principle laid down.
80. ut, etc.: after a moneo, or the like, implied in the preceding. — negoti, trouble, as by a prosecution.
81. incutiat, spring upon you, or catch you in, with an idea of unexpectedness or surprise. — sanctarum, sacred, as sanctioned by antiquity and the divine character of the state.
82. si mala, etc.: a continuation of the same idea, quoting the law more exactly. — mala: a technical expression in the law, meaning abusive, which Horace, however, takes in the ordinary sense of bad artistically. — ius, law, i.e. a right of action.
83. iudicium, a remedy, the process for enforcing the rights of the person aggrieved. — esto. oh, yes, that’s true.
84. Caesare (abl. abs. with iudice): i.e. approved even by the supreme source of justice.
85. latraverit, assail, as the figure is too strong for English ears.
86. solventur tabulæ, the indictment will be quashed. — missus, free (discharged).
II.

Quae virtus et quanta, boni, sit vivere parvo
(nec meus hic sermo est, sed quae praecepit Ofellus
rusticus, abnormis sapiens, crassaque Minerva),
discite, non inter lances mensasque nitentis,
cum stupet insanis acies fulgoribus et cum
acclinis falsis animus meliora recusat,
verum hic impranisi mecum disquirite. ‘Cur hoc?’
Dicam, si potero. Male verum examinat omnis
corruptus iudex. Leporem sectatus equove
lassus ab indomito, vel, si Romana
fatigat militia adsuetum graecari, seu
pila velox,
molliter austerum studio fallente
laborem,
seu te discus agit, pete cedentem aera disco;

Satire 2. This Satire is directed
against luxurious living. The dis-
course is put into the mouth of a
farmer, one of Horace’s neighbors,
named Ofellus.

1. quae, i.e. in its nature. —
quanta, i.e. in degree.

3. abnormis, outside the schools,
according to no particular pattern
or sect. — sapiens: in its technical
sense. — crassa Minerva, plain
homespun wit, opposed to subtilis.
The figure is derived from spinning,
of which Minerva was patroness.

4. non inter, etc.: if one wants
to study the subject of abstemious-
ness, a richly furnished table is not
the best place for it.

5. stupet, is dazed. — insanis,
senseless.

7. hic, right here, i.e. without the
disturbing influences mentioned. —
impransi, on an empty stomach. —
cur hoc: a question of the hearer,
which is answered in the next line.

9. corruptus: the mind of a
man at a feast is compared to a
judge who has been bribed. — lepo-
rem, etc.: to have an unbiassed
mind one must be in the normal
state of hunger, which is produced
by exercise.

10. Romana: these rude sports
are called Roman, as opposed to
the more artistic athletic exercises
of the Greeks.

11. militia: riding and hunting
approach near to the exercises in
military life.

12. austerum: the dry toil is
relieved by the interest (studio) of
the game.

13. discus: the quoit was a fav-
orite means of exercise with the
anceints, not thrown at a mark, as
with us, but for long distances, like
throwing the hammer or putting
the stone. — agit, attracts, lit. spurs
on. — pete: this parenthesis is
strictly independent of the main
construction, which is si ... fatigat,
etc., sperne, but the added clause,
seu discus agit, suggests to the
poet the apodosis, pete cedentem

14. cum labor, then when, etc. — extuderit, has knocked out of you.

15. sperne, i.e. if you can.

16. foris est promus: a supposed extreme case, where the steward is out, so that no dainties can be got from the storeroom, and there is no fish to be had; in that case you will find even the simplest food grateful.

18. latrantem, etc., the cravings of, etc. — unde . . . aut qui, etc., whence and how does this come? i.e. that you find this food grateful. The answer is in the next sentence.

20. tu: repeating the emphasis in te ipso. — pulmentaria: probably an allusion to the story of Socrates, who, upon being discovered walking abroad before daylight, said, ἐφον οὐνάγω. The same idea is in the proverb, fames est optimum condimentum.

21. vitiis, excesses.

22. iuvare, give pleasure.

23. tamen: i.e. though the real pleasure depends upon the appetite and not the food, yet the epicure is beguiled by the empty show of the viand, even where there is no difference in taste.

24. tergere, tickle.

25. vanis rerum: a Greek construction for vanis rebus.

28. cocto (sc. pavoni), etc.: and furthermore, though the peacock is served with its plumage, the plumage loses much of its beauty when thus served.

29. carne, etc.: this passage has been a crux grammaticorum for more than a thousand years. The idea is obvious, but the construction difficult. If we take the reading in the text, the only difficulty is the position of esto after the infinitive clause. Otherwise the construction is precisely like esto iam haec aeterno manere, Lucr. II. 907, and

Ep. I. 1. 81. The sense then is: “Allowing that you are deceived by appearances, so that you prefer (magis petere) this (bird or flesh) rather than the other (the fowl), yet how in the world can you tell the difference in the case of the lupus?” If we read hac magis illa... te patet; esto, we must take illa as nominative (with caro understood), and hac agreeing with carne; and take distat with magis in the sense of the Greek διαφέρω, be superior, “Though that flesh is no whit superior to this, yet it is plain you are taken in by the difference of appearance,” etc.

31. unde datum sentis, whence is it given you to tell (by the taste), i.e. how can you possibly tell where the fish is caught—a thing which epicures make a great point of—whether in the Tiber or in the sea outside?—lupus: probably either bass or pike.

32. hiet: change the construction in English; whether the lupus which vawus on the platter was caught, etc.

33. trilibrem: these are points on which the epicures lay great stress, though they are really of no account, as the poet shows.

35. quo pertinet ergo, what point is there then in, etc.: i.e. if you like a big mullet, why despise a great lupus? The answer is, that the epicure demands something strange and unnatural.

36. illis: the lupus, as being more distant from the mind of the speaker.

38. raro: take with ieiunus.

39. porrectum, etc.: the idea suddenly changes, and a remark is interposed from a glutton, who cares for quantity rather than quality; “I wish I could see a big one, etc.,” as if he said, “you can’t have them too big for me.” Thereupon the poet bursts out into an indignant exclamation directed both at the gourmet and the gourmand, calling on the hot south wind to come and spoil their dainties for them.

41. quamquam: corrective; though it is of no use to wish that, for the food, however fresh, is as good as spoiled when there is no appetite and the stomach craves sharp stimulants.
ae grum sollicitat stomachum, cum rapula plenus
atque acidas mavolt inulas. Necdum omnis abacta
pauperies epulis regum; nam vilibus ovis
nigrisque est oleis hodie locus. Haud ita pridem
Galloni praeconis erat acipensere mensa
infamis. Quid? tunc rhombos minus aequeor alebat?
Tutus erat rhombus, tutoque ciconia nido,
donec vos auctor docuit praetorius. Ergo
si quis nunc mergos suavis edixerit assos,
parebit pravi docilis Romana iuventus.
Sordidus a tenui victu distabit, Ofello
iudice; nam frustra vitium vitaveris illud,
si te alio pravum detorseris. Avidienus,
cui Canis ex vero ductum cognomen adhaeret,
quinquennis oleas est et silvestria corna,
ac nisi mutatum parcit defundere vinum, et

44. necdum, etc.: the mention
of the simple appetizers leads him
to say that there are still simple
viands served, implying that it might
be so throughout, only it is a matter
of fashion, and the dainties vary
from time to time from mere ca-
price.
45. regum, princes, i.e. the rich.
46. nigris oleis: olives preserved
after they are ripe, as they are still
treated in Italy.
47. Galloni, a person satirized
by Lucilius on account of his lux-
ury, and especially on account of
his serving the sturgeon (cf. Cic.
de Fin. II. 8).—praeconis: he
had been an auctioneer, or crier.
48. rhombos minus, etc.: i.e.
was it because there were no tur-
bots? No; but the fashion of tur-
bots had not come in.
50. praetorius: Sempronius Ru-
fus, who, as it appears, was defeated
for the praetorship, hence so called
in irony.
51. mergos, sea-gulls, a worth-
less bird for eating. But if some
praetor (hence edixerit) like Rufus
should set the fashion, all the bons
vivants would begin to relish them.
53. sordidus, etc.: Horace, true
to his principle of the golden mean,
warns his readers as well against a
mean and parsimonious living. "Nor
yet did Ofellus fail to see the differ-
ence, etc."
54. illud: luxurious living.
55. pravum, perversely; but
agreeing with te.—Avidienus, a
noted miser.
56. canis: from his dirty habits.
—ex vero, from the fact, i.e. justly.
57. quinquennis: i.e. kept so
long as to have lost their flavor.—
est: from edo.—corna: the tough
berry of the cornel.
58. mutatum, turned, as we say.
—defundere, serve.
cuius odorem olei nequeas perferre (licebit ille repotia, natalis, aliosve dierum festos altatus celebret), cornu ipse bilibri caulibus instillat, veteris non parcus aceti. Quali igitur victu sapiens utetur, et horum utrum imitatitur? Hac urget lupus, hac canis, aiunt. Mundus erit, qua non offendat sordibus, atque in neutram partem cultus miser. Hic neque servis, Albuci senis exemplo, dum munia didit, saevus erit, nec sic ut simplex Naevius unctam convivis praebebit aquam: vitium hoc quoque magnum.

Accipe nunc victus tenuis quae quantaque secum adferat. In primis valeas bene: nam variae res

59. licebit, although; a relic of a more general use of licet, only retained regularly in the present tense.

60. repotia, the feast the day after the wedding, at the house of the bridegroom. The miser serves no better fare than that mentioned, even on the highest festivals.—natalis: the Romans made great account of birthdays.

61. altatus, in full dress, in which the Romans appeared with their togas cleansed and whitened. —cornu ... bilibri: opposed to the more elegant gutta, which was small, and served as a cruet, while the miser has a huge horn containing his whole stock, as it were.—ipse: i.e. he does it out himself.

62. non parcus: he keeps his wine till it sours, and of course has plenty of vinegar, the only thing of which he is liberal.

63. horum: the two extremes. The answer to the question is contained in the following proverb: i.e. neither, for both are equally bad, there is danger on both sides. The true precept is given in v. 65.

65. mundus erit (sc. sapiens): will be decent so far as not to give offence by meanness.

66. neutram: neither too miserly nor too luxurious.—cultus: genitive of reference with miser; cf. cerebri felicem, I. 9. 11.—miser, pitiable, as he would be in case of excess in either direction.—servis, etc.: i.e. in giving directions to his slaves, he punishes them beforehand, to guard against any carelessness on their part, which is an indication of excessive fastidiousness about his table; whereas the other is so care- less in this regard that he lets the slaves give the guests dirty water. The wise man will avoid both extremes.

68. simplex, good-natured, easily imposed upon by his slaves.

69. vitium, etc.: this particular matter, negligence in table service, the poet gives as an example of the other extreme. Then he changes the subject entirely to the advantages of a frugal life.

71. valeas bene: good health is the first advantage.
ut noceant homini credas, memor illius escae quae simplex olim tibi sederit; at simul assis miscueris elixa, simul conchylia turdis; dulcia se in bilem vertent, stomachoque tumultum lenta feret pituita. Vides ut pallidus omnis cena desurgat dubia? Quin corpus onustum hesternis vitiis animum quoque praegravat una, atque affigit humo divinae particulam aurae. Alter, ubi dicto citius curata sopori membra dedit, vegetus praescripta ad munia surgit. Hie tamen ad melius poterit transcurrere quondam, sive diem festum rediens advexerit annus, seu recreare volet tenuatum corpus, ubique accedent anni et tractari mollius aetas imbecilla volet; tibi quidnam accedet ad istam quam puer et validus praesumis mollitiem, seu dura valetudo incident seu tarda senectus? Rancidum aprum antiqui laudabant, non quia nasus illis nullus erat, sed, credo, hac mente, quod hospes

73. olim tibi sederit, used to agree with you.
75. dulcia, etc.: the ancient and popular modern idea of physiology.
76. pituita: referring to the "sluggish humors" of the body, which, according to ancient ideas, produced disease.
77. dubia, puzzling; where a man is puzzled what to take first, an allusion to Ter. Phorm. III. 1. 28, where the word is comically used in that sense. — corpus, etc.: i.e. and not only is the body unhealthy, but the soul, which ought to be like its divine original, is weighed down and deteriorated (cf. Cic. Tusc. V. 13 and de Sen. 77).
79. aurae, ether, the finer element of which the soul was formed.
80. alter: the abstemious man. — curata, etc.: like curare corpus, which is constantly used of refreshing the body by eating. — sopori, etc.: i.e. no indigestion keeps him awake.
82. tamen: i.e. though ordinarily abstemious, yet he can at times indulge more freely, on occasion either of a festival or of ill health or age.
86. tibi, etc.: i.e. but for the epicure no change in that direction is possible because he has indulged himself to the extreme before.
89. rancidum, etc.: the frugal man has also something on hand for an unexpected guest. This Horace expresses indirectly by the example of their ancestors who kept their boar till it was "high," a practice which he attributes to the desire to keep something in store. The superior-
tardius adveniens vitiatum commodius quam integrum edax dominus consumeret. Hos utinam inter heroas natum tellus me prima tulisset! Das aliquid famae, quae carmine gratior aurem occupat humanam, grandes rhombi patinaeque grande ferunt una cum damno dedecus; adde iratum patrum, vicinos, te tibi iniquum et frustra mortis cupidus, cum deerit egeni as, laquei pretium. 'Iure,' inquit, 'Trausius istis iurgatur verbis; ego vectigalia magna divitasque habeo tribus amplas regibus.' Ergo quod superat non est melius quo insumere possis? Cur eget indignus quisquam te divite? Quare templum ruunt antiqua deum? Cur, improbe, carae non aliquid patriae tanto emetiris acervo? Vni nimirum recte tibi semper urunt res, o magnus posthac inimicis risus! Vterne ad casus dubios fidet sibi certius, hic qui pluribus adsuerit mentem corpusque superbum, an qui contentus parvo metuensque futuri in pace, ut sapiens, aptarit idonea bello?

102. quod superat, the surplus. — non est, etc.: i.e. suppose you have this great wealth, are there not more worthy objects to spend it on.

106. uni, etc.: i.e. and in any case this wealth is uncertain, expressed by the contrary ironically. If, then, a change of fortune occurs, the fall will be more conspicuous and ruinous than in case of a man who is frugal even in the midst of wealth.

111. aptarit idonea bello, provides the needs of war, i.e. a frugal and contented spirit, and habits of self-control and abstemiousness (a proverbial expression).
Quo magis his credas, puer hunc ego parvus Ofellum integris opibus novi non latius usum quam nunc accisis. Videas metato in agello cum pecore et gnatis fortem mercede colonum, ‘Non ego,’ narrantem, ‘temere edi luce profesta quicquam praeter olus fumosae cum pede pernae. Ac mihi seu longum post tempus venerat hospes, sive operum vacuo gratus conviva per imbrem vicinus, bene erat non piscibus urbe petitis, sed pullo atque haedo; tum pensilis uva secundas et nux ornabat mensas cum duplice ficu.

Post hoc ludus erat culpa potare magistra, ac venerata Ceres, ita culmo surgeret alto, explicuit vino contractae seria frontis.

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112. quo magis, etc.: to enforce his doctrine Horace gives the example of Ofellus himself, who had lost his property, and now hires it of its new proprietor, but, as he himself says, he is just as well off, having never indulged himself amid his better fortune.

113. latius: cf. anguste.

114. metato, confiscated, measured out by the commissioners, who assigned lands to the veterans of the army.

115. fortem mercede colonum, a sturdy farmer for hire on the land he no longer owns.

116. narrantem, etc.: his words prove his content and indomitable spirit. The description of his mode of life indicates the frugal style which Horace recommends.— non ... temere, not without special reason, i.e. not commonly.

118. hospes: the arrival of a guest gives occasion for some simple luxuries.

119. vacuo: social intercourse with his neighbors, at times when the labors of the field were stopped by the weather, was also frugally celebrated, not with foreign luxuries, but with the dainties such as the farm afforded.

121. pensilis uva, raisins, grapes hung up to dry.— secundas, i.e. the dessert.

122. duplice ficu, split figs, hence dried.

123. ludus: i.e. not the elaborate music, etc., of the cities.— culpa ... magistra: with only their sense of shortcoming to regulate the drinking, instead of a symposiarch, who was appointed at city feasts for that purpose. Shirking in such cases would be a culpa.

124. venerata Ceres: i.e. the worship of Ceres, which consisted in a libation followed by drinking. — ita: the correlative would be, ut hoc vinum tibi fundo, or the like.— surgeret: the indirect representative of surge or surgas of the prayer. The goddess is here, as often, identified with the grain of which she was patroness.

125. seria, the frowning.
Saeviat atque novos moveat Fortuna tumultus, quantum hinc imminuet? Quanto aut ego parcius aut vos, o pueri, nituistis, ut huc novus incola venit? Nam propriae telluris erum natura neque illum nec me nec quemquam statuit: nos expulit ille, illum aut nequities aut vafri inscitia iuris, postremum expellet certe vivacior heres. Nunc ager Vmbreni sub nomine, nuper Ofelli dictus, erit nulli proprius, sed cedet in usum nunc mihi, nunc alii. Quocirca vivite fortés, fortiaque adversis opposite pectora rebus.'

III.

Damasippus. Sic raro scribis, ut toto non quater anno membranam poscas, scriptorum quaeque retexens,

127. hinc, from this condition in which we now are. It is implied in the whole that Ofellus could still enjoy the simple life he had led in his prosperity.

128. pueri, his sons who were working with him. Cf. v. 115.

129. propriae, as his own.

131. nequities, his prodigality; regularly opposed to frugalitas: cf. nequam and frugi.— iuris: i.e. he will lose it by the tricks of the law.

132. postremum, etc.: at any rate he won't live forever, and then the surviving heir will at last dispossess him.

133. Vmbreni, the veteran to whom the land had been assigned. Cf. Ep. II. 1. 171 ff.

134. proprius, permanent.— cedet, will pass.— in usum, to the possession temporarily for use, but not for permanent property; so that the tenant is after all as well off as the proprietor.

135. vivite fortés, live undismayed. With this exhortation, Horace breaks off abruptly, as is his custom, without a definite close.

SATIRE 3. This Satire has a peculiarly Horatian double edge. On the one hand, it ridicules the Stoic doctrine, πᾶς ἄρρων μαθητής, omnis stultum insanum esse, that every man except the sage is insane. But at the same time Horace uses that doctrine in a half-serious way to assail the vices and follies of mankind, with the spirit of true humor, including himself with the rest. He puts the greater part of the discourse into the mouth of Damasippus, a merchant and speculator, who, having failed in business, is about to kill himself, but is dissuaded therefrom, and turns Stoic

preacher. The conversation is introduced abruptly by the Stoic, who assails Horace for his indolence. This diatribe Horace puts in a half-serious way, ridiculing the meddlesomeness and want of tact of the importunate Stoic, but at the same time satirizing himself, and no doubt justly.

2. membranam poscas: for engrossing a new finished composition. — scriptorum: neuter, with quaque. — retexens: i.e. never finishing anything satisfactory, but always undoing and working over his old poems.

3. vini somnique: genitive after benignus; indulging in (cf. cultus miser, II. 2. 66).

4. dignum sermonae, worth talking about; i.e. that would bring you any fame if you published it. — quid fiet, What is going to be done? i.e. What are you going to do? — ipsis: i.e. just at the time of the holidays, when festivity was at its height, indicating a set purpose to do something.

5. Saturnalibus: this festival was a time of universal freedom from restraint for all classes. — huc: to Horace’s Sabine estate. — sobrius: as opposed to the festivity of the city.

6. dic, write. — promissis: given by his acts in coming away from the city — nil est, it’s of no use, nothing comes of it.

7. laborat, suffers, being beaten by the poet in his vexation.

8. iratis: the usual way of expressing that a person is born to misfortune, but here varied by the humorous insertion of poetis.

9. atqui: i.e. though you do nothing, yet you had the expression of one who promised great feats.

10. vacuum, at leisure. — cepisset: an indirect quotation from the supposed threat expressed in his countenance.

11. Platona: on account of the philosophical tendency of his Satyres. — Menandro: on account of the close connection of satire with comedy.

12. Eupolin: as representing the Old Comedy. — Archilochum: as the inventor of the Epode.

13. virtute: referring to his supposed abandonment of satire, and consequently of the cause of good morals, in order to avoid the jealousy and ill-will which his satire had
desidia, aut quicquid vita meliore parasti
ponendum aequo animo. Hor. Di te, Damasippe, deaeque
verum ob consilium donent tonsore. Sed unde
tam bene me nosti? Dam. Postquam omnis res mea
Ianum
ad medium fracta est, aliena negotia curo,
excussus propriis. Olim nam quaeere amabam,
quo vafer ille pedes lavisset Sisyphus aere,
quid sculptum infabre, quid fusum durius esset;
callidos huic signo ponebamus milia centum;
hortos egregiasque domos mercarier unus
cum lucro noram; unde frequentia Mercuriale
imposuerit mihi cognomen compita. Hor. Novi,
et miror morbi purgatum te illius. Dam. Atqui
occasioned; i.e. do you expect to
avoid ill-will by ceasing to write? On the contrary, you will only be
despised for want of courage.
15. quicquid: i.e. his fame.
16. ponendum aequo animo,
you must be content to lay aside.—
di te, etc.: Horace replies, begin-
ning as if he were going to wish
Damasippus the greatest blessings,
but ends with the thing he thinks
the philosopher needs most, a bar-
ber, on account of the long beard
affected by philosophers.
18. postquam, etc.: in answer
to Horace’s query, how Damasippus
came to know him so well, the Stoic
replies, that, having failed in his
own business, he has taken up other
people’s, that is to say, has become
a philosopher.—Ianum: one of the
three arches near the Forum, at
Rome, sacred to Janus, in or around
which were the shops of the money
lenders. Damasippus means that
his fortune was lost by borrowing
money, and making unprofitable in-
vestments.
20. quaeere, etc.: he used to
buy up objects of art and bric-à-
brac.
21. quo . . . aere: a humorous
expression for antique bronze ves-
sels of Corinth.
22. quid sculptum infabre: i.e.
works of sculpture whose value de-
pended on their antiquity, of which
their rudeness was proof.—fusum
durius: works in metal of the
same kind.
23. calidus, i.e. a shrewd judge
of values and works of art.
25. frequentia . . . compita, the
crowds at the “corners,” where the
auction sales took place.—Mercu-
riale: in apposition with cogno-
men, and made to agree with it in
gender; favorite of Mercury, For-
tune’s own child.
27. morbi: in accordance with
the Stoic way of thinking, Horace
speaks of this devotion to gain as a
disease (πάθος) or insanity. The
genitive is in imitation of the Greek
construction of separation, justified,
however, by the Latin construction
of relative adjectives. Cf. plenus
and vacuus.
emovit veterem mire novus, ut solet, in cor traiecto lateris miser. capitisve dolore, ut lethargicus hic cum fit pugil et medicum urget. Hor. Dum ne quid simile huic, esto ut libet. Dam. O bone, ne te frustrere; insanis et tu stultique prope omnes, si quid Stertinius veri crepat, unde ego mira descripsi docilis praecepta haec, tempore quo me solatus iussit sapientem pascere barbam atque a Fabricio non tristem ponte reverti. Nam, male re gesta, cum vellem mittere operto me capite in flumen, dexter stetit et 'Cave faxis te quicquam indignum! Pudor' inquit 'te malus angit, insanos qui inter vereare insanus haberi. Primum nam inquiram quid sit furere: hoc si erit in te

28. mire, it is marvellous how, etc. The whole idea is, that one disease has been cured by another.

30. lethargicus, etc.: the patient suffering under a lethargy suddenly has a paroxysm of violence and attacks his physician, this being an instance of one form of madness driving out another.

31. dum, etc.: Horace in his reply jocosely says, provided your madness does not take that violent form, you may have any craze you like. This of course implies that Damasippus has a craze, while Horace is sound, hence Damasippus in his answer proceeds to set him right on that subject, and so gives the long discussion of the Stoic paradox, Πας ἄφρον μην ἐσται.

33. Stertinius, an unknown Stoic, probably a windy street-preacher like Crispinus. crepat, if there is any truth in the chatter of Stertinius. The word seems to be carelessly used from Horace's standpoint. instead of Damasippus'.

34. descripsi, copied, not literally, but as much as adopted.

35. sapientem...barbam: the philosophers allowed the beard to grow long, originally as a mark of neglect of their persons.

36. Fabricio, the bridge to the island in the Tiber, built B.C. 62, as appears from the inscription still extant.

38. dexter, at my side; but the side on which he appeared was a good omen also.

39. te indignum, unbecoming to you, or shameful. — malus, false; unfounded, and so bad under the circumstances. — angit: i.e. this is the reason why you are about to destroy yourself.

40. insanos: containing the gist of the whole matter. These people before whom you are ashamed of appearing to be insane on account of having lost your property in pursuit of a craze, are themselves insane, and hence you need have no shame about it.

41. primum, etc.: he begins in
solo, nil verbi pereas quin fortiter addam.
Quem mala stultitia et quaecumque inscitia veri caecum agit, insanum Chrysippi porticus et grex autumat. Haec populos, haec magnos formula reges, excepto sapiente, tenet. Nunc accipe quare desipiant omnes aeque ac tu, qui tibi nomen insano posuere. Velut silvis, ubi passim palantis error certo de tramite pellit, ille sinistrorum, hic dextrorum abit: unus utrique 50 error, sed variis illudit partibus: hoc te crede modo insanum, nihil ut sapientior ille, qui te deridet, caudam trahat. Est genus unum stultitiae nihilum metuenda timentis, ut ignis, ut rupis fluviosque in campo obstare queratur; alterum et huic varum et nihil ut sapientius ignis per medios fluviosque ruentis: clamet amica mater, honesta soror cum cognatis, pater, uxor, 'Hic fossa est ingens, hic rupes maxima, serva!'

the regular philosophical, and especially Stoic style, in which definitions played a prominent part.— hoc si erit, etc.: i.e. "if you are the only person who comes under the description, I will not say a word to hinder you."

43. mala, perverse; cf. prava, v. 220.— stultitia, folly; in the technical sense, as opposed to the sapientia of the sage.

44. caecum agit, drives blindly on, without the guidance of philosophical reason.— Chrysippi, the second great expounder of the Stoic doctrines, of whom it was said, El μὴ γὰρ ἦν Ἐρασίππος, οὐκ ἀν ἦν Ἡρόδ.— porticus, the Ἑρόδ ποικίλη, a colonnade in which Zeno and his followers taught.— grex, troupe; a semi-comical expression for the school or sect.

45. autumat, affirms to be; a rather formal expression.— populos, whole nations together, without exception.— formula: i.e. the definition given above.

46. tenet, embraces.

50. unus ... error: i.e. ignorance of the true path.

51. partibus, directions.

53. caudam trahat, is made a fool of (i.e. is as crazy as you); an allusion to the boys in the street who make fools of the half-witted by fastening some appendage to them behind.— est genus, etc.: the first class think there are dangers, etc., where there are none, i.e. have positive delusions.

56. alterum: the second class do not see things that really exist.

57. amica: with mater.

58. honesta: with soror.

blindness of the madman is shown by these details. No warning can make him take care.

60. Fufius, etc.: it appears that this actor on one occasion playing Ilione, in Pacuvius' play of that name, really went to sleep, so that he did not hear the ghost of Deiphilus (the son of Ilione and Polymestor) when it rose and addressed to her the words, mater te appello. Catenus was playing the ghost.

61. edormit, slept through the part of: a humorous use of the construction in I. 5. 63, saltare Cyclopa. — mille ducentis: a thousand, with clamantibus, just double the usual number 600, continuing the supposition in audierit.

62. huic...errori: i.e. not seeing what is really the case. All who do not have right views of things of course have a similar delusion.

63. similem: sc. errorem; cog. acc. with insanire.

64. insanit, has a craze; because he does not set the right value on such things.

65. creditor: the one who would particularly regard Damasippus as insane. — esto, well; i.e. suppose he is for a moment, until it is shown by an example that he is not.

66. accipe, etc.: a supposed case which shows that Damasippus is the sounder man of the two, because he only takes money which he certainly can't pay back.

68. praesens, propitious.

69. scribe, etc.: addressed to the creditor. “Take all the securities you can, yet the debtor will after all escape you.” The usual way of paying money was through a banker (a Nerio), and here the creditor is to draw ten drafts on Nerius, which would be stronger evidence of the payment. — Cicitae, a usurer, who would of course be skilful in securing his debts. Cf. v. 175.

70. nodosì: equivalent to crafty, shrewd in making knots to bind the debtor. — mille, etc.: another more general expression for the same idea of taking security, but with a reference to Proteus.

71. Proteus, the famous prophetic sea-divinity who only gave his answers when caught and bound, and who had the power of changing into all sorts of forms to avoid capture. The whole means simply, the debtor will be more difficult to catch.
Cum rapies in ius malis ridentem alienis,
fiet aper, modo avis, modo saxum, et, cum volet, arbor.
Si male rem gerere insani est, contra bene sani,
putidius multo cerebrum est, mihi crede, Perelli
dictantis quod tu numquam rescribere possis.

Audire atque togam iubeo componere, quisquis
ambitione mala aut argenti pallet amore,
quisquis luxuria tristine superstitione
aut alio mentis morbo calet; huc propius me,
dum doceo insanire omnis,
vos ordine adite.

Danda est ellebori multo pars maxima avaris;
nescio an Anticyram ratio illis destinet omnem.
Heredes Staberi summam incidere sepulchro,
ni sic fecissent, gladiatorum dare centum
damnati populo paria atque epulum arbitrio Arri,
72. malis, etc.: laughing at his creditor's expense; the allusion is
to Hom. Od. XX. 347; though the sense there is a forced laugh.
75. putidius, less sound. — Perelli, the creditor.
76. dictantis, taking receipts for money, literally dictating what the
debtor shall write for the money which, etc. — tu: the debtor. — rescribere, repay.
77. audire, etc.: the Stoic takes up the other branches of the subject,
and in a more formal manner, so he purposely bids his hearers
arrange themselves for a long sermon.
78. ambitione, etc.: the four forms of insanity are ambition, avarice, prodigality, and superstition.
Of these Stertinius takes up first avarice, as the most violent form. — argenti, here money, as in I. 1. 86,
not, as often, silver ware.
81. ordine, one after the other.
82. ellebori: the usual medicine for insanity.
83. nescio an, I don't know but, as usual. — Anticyram, the city in
Greece whence the best hellebore was brought. — ratio, sound reason,
i.e. true philosophy, which regards this as the prevailing and most ruinous form of insanity.
84. heredes, etc.: the poet shows the insanity of avarice by the example
of one Staberius, who ordered the amount of his estate to be carved
on his tombstone, thinking that the best epitaph he could have.
85. fecissent: for the future perfect used in the will. — dare: the penalty that the heirs were to pay
if they failed to perform.
86. damnati: the technical words were heres damnas esto. — epulum: a public banquet like a "barbecue,"
such as was often given at Rome for political purposes. — arbitrio Arri: i.e. a sumptuous one, such

as Q. Arrius would prescribe, who gave a famous funeral banquet B.C. 59 to several thousand citizens. He is also referred to in v. 243.

87. frumenti, etc.: also a distribution of grain to the people. Perhaps et has fallen out after frumenti. — quantum, etc.: a proverbial expression. — sive, etc.: a quotation from the will.

88. patruus, unkind, as not an indulgent judge like a father, a proverbial expression.

89. hoc: i.e. that they would regard his fancy as absurd. — quid . . . sensité, what was his idea?

92. acrius: sc. quam pauperiem.

94. nequior, a more thriftless person.

96. parent, are subject to, as men think.

97. sapiensne: this short question is in the style of the Stoic argument, and is also a Stoic idea. —

98. hoc: the glory of being rich.

— paratum, won, or gained, like glory in war, or any other noble attainment.

99. simile: sc. fecit; how unlike this was Aristippus' conduct, who represents the other extreme of wastefulness.

100. Aristippus, the disciple of Socrates, and founder of the Cyrenaic school. His principle was to enjoy the good things of life, but so as not to be a slave to them. Hence his wastefulness of the gold because it hindered his journey.

101. Libya: the country of gold, where any one else would have gathered all he could.

102. uter, etc.: i.e. since both go to extremes.

103. nil agit, etc.: i.e. his case
Si quis emat citharas, emptas comportet in unum, 105  
 nec studio citharae nec musae deditus uli,  
 si scalpra et formas non sutor, nautica vela  
aversus mercaturis, delirus et amens  
 undique dicatur merito. Qui discrepat istis  
 qui nummos aurumque recondit, nescius uti  
 compositis, metuensque velut contingere sacrum? 110  
 Si quis ad ingentem frumenti semper acervum  
orrectus vigilet cum longo fuste, neque illinc  
audeat esuriens dominus contingere granum,  
 ac potius foliis parcus vescatur amaris;  
si positis intus Chii veterisque Falerni  
mille cadis — nihil est, tercentum milibus — acre  
potet acetum; age, si et stramentis incubet, unde-  
 octoginta annos natus, cui strangula vastis,  
blattarum ac tinearum epulae, putrescat in arca:  
nimirum insanus paucis videatur, eo quod  
maxima pars hominum morbo iactatur cedem. 115  
Filius aut etiam haec libertus ut ebibat heres,  
dis inimice senex, custodis? Ne tibi desit?  
Quantulum enim summæ curtabit quisque dierum,  
proves nothing, because one question  
(litem) is not solved by introdu-  
cing another; namely, whether he  
was not insane also. Still Horace  
has gained the opportunity to crit-  
icise the other extreme, which was  
what he wanted. He now turns to  
an example about which there can  
be no doubt, of a man collecting  
things which he can't use, which is  
really the miser's case.  
105. musae, branch of music.  
106. non sutor, not being a shoe-  
maker.  
108. qui discrepan: how, i.e.  
not at all, for the miser is just like  
the cases supposed.  
110. sacrum: which it would be  
113. esuriens dominus, though  
starving, and the owner.  
120. nimirum, etc.: the pre-  
ceding has prepared us to expect  
the natural conclusion, "He would  
seem insane to everybody," but this  
is changed to the idea in the text,  
to show more clearly that this in-  
sanity is an almost universal one.  
121. iactatur, is suffering, pro-  
perly of a fever.  
123. dis inimice, God-forsaken.  
The poet changes to a direct appeal  
to the miser himself, and shows the  
folly of his course.
unguere si caulis oleo meliore caputque 
coeperis impexa foedum porrigine? Quare, 
si quidvis satis est, periuras, surripis, aufers 
undique? Tun’ sanus? Populum si caedere saxis 
incipias servosve tuos quos aere pararis, 
insanum te omnes pueri clamentque puellae:
cum laqueo uxorem interimis matremque veneno, 
incolumi capite es? Quid enim? Neque tu hoc facis 
Argis, 
nec ferro ut demens genetricem occidis Orestes. 
An tu reris eum occisa insanisse parente, 
ac non ante malis dementem actum Furiis quam 
in matris iugulo ferrum tepefecit acutum?
Quin, ex quo est habitus male tutae mentis Orestes, 
nil sane fecit quod tu reprehendere possis: 
non Pyladen ferro violare aususve sororem 
Electram, tantum maledicit utrique, vocando 
hanc Furiam, hunc aliud, iussit quod splendida bilis. 
Pauper Opimius argentis positi intus et auri,

127. quidvis, i.e. so little as you use.
128. populum, etc.: i.e. the crimes he commits for the sake of money are as much marks of insanity as the conduct described would be.
130. pueri, puellae: proverbial; i.e. everybody.
132. quid enim? why yes (cf. I. 1. 7), adopting the miser's view ironically. — neque tu, etc.: the miser would argue that he was not insane, because in their ignorance of the true essence of human conduct men take the accidents of place, time, and circumstance, for the real characteristics of those actions which are held to be insane, as in the case of Orestes. Because the deed is not done at Argos, nor with the sword, it is not insane like that of Orestes.
134. an tu reris, etc.: i.e. (am I not right in my interpretation of the matter?) or do you suppose that Orestes went mad only after killing his mother? The Stoic doctrine makes all criminal conduct evidence of insanity in itself. In fact, after his crime, Orestes did nothing that could be called insane at all. All this goes to prove the Stoic doctrine, that all misconduct is insane.
142. pauper, etc.: another example to show the insanity of avarice. Opimius is called poor, because, with all his wealth, he acts like a poor man. — argenti: Horace’s favorite genitive with adjectives; cf. Gr. 218, c.
qui Veientanum festis potare diebus
Campana solitus trulla vappamque profestis,
quondam lethargo grandi est oppressus, ut heres
iam circum loculos et clavis lactus ovansque
curreret. Hunc medicus multum celer atque fidelis
excitat hoc pacto: mensam poni iubet atque
effundi saccos nummorum, accedere pluris
ad numerandum; hominem sic erigit. Addit et illud,
‘Ni tua custodis, avidus iam haec auferet heres.’
‘Men’ vivo? ‘Vt vivas, igitur, vigila, hoc age.’ ‘Quid
vis?’
‘Deficient inopem venae te, ni cibus atque
ingens accedit stomacho fultura ruenti.
Tu cessas? Agedum, sume hoc ptisanarium oryzae.’
‘Quanti emptae?’ ‘Parvo.’ ‘Quanti, ergo?’ ‘Octus-
sibus.’ ‘Eheu!
quid refert, morbo an furtis pereamque rapinis?’

Quisnam igitur sanus? Qui non stultus. Quid avar-
rus?
Stultus et insanus. Quid, si quis non sit avarus,

143. Veientanum, a cheap wine.
144. Campana, common earthen-
145. heres, etc.: i.e. expecting
the man to die at once.
146. loculos, coffers.
148. hoc pacto: in the follow-
ing manner, i.e. by means of his
ruling passion.
150. ad numerandum: as if to
divide the estate, considering him
already dead.
152. hoc age, look alive now.
157. furtis pereamque rapinis:
i.e. the enormously expensive med-
icine required to cure him.
158. quisnam sanus: Horace
represents Damasippus as if per-
suaded by these examples, asking,
“Who, then, is sane?” but he is
really speaking himself, and is not
careful of the dramatic form.—qui
non stultus: the natural Stoic an-
swer, for according to that doctrine,
the sapiens is the only perfect man,
and all others are alike stulti.—
quid avarus (sc. est): a recapit-
ulation of the preceding exposition
in a formal shape, to prepare for
the turn in si quis non, etc. The
whole of this discussion in dis-
jointed questions is in the Stoic
style of argument.
160. continuo, at once; i.e. does
Non est cardiacus (Craterum dixisse putato) hic aeger: recte est igitur surgetque? Negabīt, quod latus aut renes morbo temptentur acuto. Non est periurus neque sordidus: immolet aequis hic porcum Laribus; verum ambitiosus et audax: naviget Anticyram. Quid enim differt, barathrone donee quicquid habes, an numquam utare paratis? Servius Oppidius Canusi duo praedia, dives antiquo censu, gnatis divisse duobus fertur, et hoc moriens pueris dixisse vocatis ad lectum: 'Postquam te talos, Aule, nucesque ferre sinu laxo, donare et ludere vidi, te, Tiberi, numerare, cavis abscondere tristem, extimui ne vos ageret vesania discors,

it at once follow if the man is free from avarice that he is sound? The Stoic replies, no; and illustrates by the case of disorders of the body, to which the Stoics were fond of likening the failings of the soul ("").

161. cardiacus, troubled with heartburn.—Craterum, a distinguished physician, Cic. Att. XII. 13 and 14.

163. quod, etc.: i.e. though he has no disorder of the stomach, yet his lungs or his kidneys are affected, so that he is none the less a sick man.

164. periurus neque sordidus: vices characteristic of the avaricious man.—immolet: i.e. let him be thankful for that; lit. let him make a sacrifice of purification to the household gods, as it would seem from this passage to have been customary upon recovery from disease.

165. ambitiosus, etc.: vices of the opposite of avarice, because the course of ambition was attended with enormous expense, and accompanied by luxurious living intended to gain popularity. Hence the contrast in the next verse, quid enim, etc.—audax, reckless.

166. naviget, etc.: i.e. that is equally a mark of insanity with the other. —barathro: i.e. recklessly spend in the pursuit of ambition.

168. Servius, etc.: he illustrates by the case of a father who saw his two sons affected by opposite evil tendencies (insania discors), one devoted to avarice, and the other to reckless extravagance. He exhorts them accordingly, but particularly against the recklessness of expenditure for ambition (v. 179), to which the latter would be especially liable.

169. antiquo censu, according to the old rating (cf. "before the war"), when fortunes were less gigantic.—divisse (= divisisse), for dividse, like faxe.

171. talos, nucesque: his play-things. The Roman boys apparently used nuts for marbles.

172. sinu laxo: i.e. carelessly. —ludere, gambling with them.

173. tristem, i.e. anxiously, for fear of losing them.

174. discors, in contrary direc-
tu Nomentanum, tu ne sequerere Cicutam.  
Quare per divos oratus uterque Penatis,  
tu cave ne minuas, tu ne maius facias id  
quod satis esse putat pater et natura coercet.  
Praeterea ne vos titillet gloria, iure  
iurando obstringam ambo: uter aedilis fueritve  
vestrum praetor, is intestabilis et sacer esto.  
In cicere atque faba bona tu perdasque lupinis,  
latus ut in Circo spatiere et aeneus ut stes,  
nudus agris, nudus nummis, insane, paternis?  
Scilicet ut plausus, quos fert Agrippa, feras tu,  
astuta ingenuum volpes imitata leonem!’—  
‘Ne quis humasse velit Aiacem, Atrida, vetas cur?’  
‘Rex sum.’ ‘Nil ultra quaero plebeius.’ ‘Et aequam  
rem imperito; ac si cui videor non iustus, inulito

tions; one a spendthrift, and the  
other a miser.  
175. Nomentanum; cf. II. i.  
22. — Cicutam: cf. v. 69.  
176. oratus, be entreated; but  
agreeing with uterque, which is  
apposite with tu . . . tu.  
178. quod coercet: to which  
nature sets a limit, i.e. the require-  
ments of nature; cf. I. i. 50.  
179. vos titillet, tickle your fancy.  
181. intestabilis, incapable of  
inheriting, with other legal disabili-  
ties. The oath consisted in the  
young men assenting to the curse.  
182. in cicere: distribution of  
food to the lower classes, for the  
sake of popularity, especially on the  
part of the ædile at the Flora-  
lia.  
183. latus spatiere, make a  
spread; referring to the state in  
which he would appear at the games  
as an official. The whole is a jocose  
description of the advantages of  
prominent position.—aeneus: in  
a statue.  
184. nudus, etc.: cf. note to v. 165.  
185. Agrippa, a really great man,  
whom the ambitious aspirant could  
only feebly imitate by his popular arts.  
187. ne quis: with a very sud-  
den transition, the Stoic illustrates  
the insanity of ambition by a sup-  
posed dialogue between Agamem-  
non and a common soldier in his  
army, by which it is shown that the  
ambitious king of kings is quite as  
insane as Ajax, to whose body he  
refuses burial. — humasse: the in-  
finitive perfect in this use is archaic,  
and imitated from legal language.  
188. rex sum: i.e. I have the  
right to do as I will without criti-  
cism from my subjects. — nil ultra,  
etc.: i.e. if you put it on that ground,  
I have nothing more to say, being  
only a humble common soldier.—  
et aequam, etc.: the king, as if  
conscious of the weakness of his  
position, comes down from his arro-  
gance, and tries to justify himself.  
189. ac si cui, etc.: a still fur-  
ther concession, as the king gradu-  
ally weakens.
dicere quod sentit permitto.’ ‘Maxime regum, 
di tibi dent capta classem reducere Troia!
Ergo consulere et mox respondere licebit?’
‘Consule.’ ‘Cur Aiax, heros ab Achille secundus,
putescit, totiens servatis clarus Achivis?
Gaudeat ut populus Priami Priamusque inhumato,
per quem tot iuvenes patrio caruere sepulcro?’
‘Mille ovium insanus morti dedit, inclutum Ulixen
et Menelaum una mecum se occidere clamans.’
‘Tu, cum pro vitula statuis dulcem Aulide natam
ante aras, spargisque mola caput, improbe, salsa,
rectum animi servas?’ ‘Quorsum?’ ‘Insanus quid
enim Aiax
fecit, cum stravit ferro pecus? Abstinuit vim
uxore et gnato; mala multa precatus Atridis,

191. di tibi dent, etc.: imitation of
II. I. 18; a polite response to the
graciously given permission.
192. consulere, respondere:
technical words of submitting ques-
tions to be decided by a juriscon-
sult. The latter word must refer to
the king, who is here the person
consulted. The attitude of a client
accords with the assumed humility
of the soldier playing Stoic.
193. ab Achille secundus: cf.
II. II. 768.
194. putescit, i.e. unburied.
195. gaudeat, etc.: an imitation
of II. I. 255. The disgrace of their
enemy would be a joy to Priam and
his people.
197. mille: here treated as
a substantive, like milia.— insanus:
the main point in the whole. After
the award of the arms of Achilles to
Ulysses, Ajax went mad and slew a
flock of sheep, thinking them to be
the Greek heroes, in which delusion
consisted his insanity.
199. tu cum pro vitula, etc.:
the treating of Iphigenia as a vic-
tim, instead of a heifer was, the
soldier argues, no less a mark of
insanity than the delusion of Ajax.
200. improbe, unnatural father,
or monster.— mola, a regular ac-
companiment of a sacrifice. Prob-
ably because meal and salt were the
necessaries of life.
201. rectum animi: i.e. rectum
animum, or rectum statum ani-
mi, as opposed to its overthrow
in insanity.— quorsum: sc. ten-
dis, or haec pertinet, what do you
mean by that? what does that
prove?— insanus: i.e. when you
consider him insane, or regard these
as marks of his insanity.— quid
enim, why! what, etc.; where
enim is explanatory of the implied
statement that Agamemnon is him-
self insane.
202. abstinuit vim, he kept his
violent hands.
203. mala multa: angry words
were not considered proof of mad-
ness (cf. v. 140).
non ille aut Teucrum aut ipsum violavit Vlixen.'
'Verum ego, ut haerentis adverso litore navis eriperem, prudens placavi sanguine divos.'
'Nempe tuo, furiose.' 'Meo, sed non furiosus.'
Qui species alias veris scelerisque tumultu permixtas capiet, commotus habebitur, atque stultitiane eret nihilum distabit an ira.
Aiax immeritos cum occidit desipit agnos:
cum prudens scelus ob titulos admittis inanis,
pras animo, et purum est vitio tibi, cum tumidum est, cor?
Si quis lectica nitidam gestare amet
huic vestem, ut gnatae, paret, ancillas paret, aurum,

Rufam aut Pusillam appellet, fortique marito

destinet uxorem, interdicto huic omne adimat ius praetor, et ad sanos abeat tutela propinquos.

204. non ille: cf. multum ille, Virg. Æn. I. 3. — ipsum: as opposed to the sheep.
205. adverso, opposite to where he then was.
206. prudens: as opposed to insanus; in my wise counsel.
207. tuo: a natural mark of insanity, and hence the man adds furiose, indicating the most violent form of madness.
208. qui, etc.: in answer to the protest of Agamemnon, the Stoic proceeds to give a definition of insanity, as consisting in delusion, which he afterwards applies in v. 211. — species, conceptiones, ideas of objects, etc. — veris: the ablative on account of the comparative force of alias. The ablative after comparatives is originally an ablative of separation. — tumultu, the craze, the disturbed state of the mind from criminal desires, in which it is incapable of calm reasoning.
209. commotus, unsound, of shaken intellect.
210. stultitia: like Agamemnon from ambition, to which passion the Stoic refers the Trojan expedition; cf. v. 212. — ira: as Ajax; cf. v. 211.
212. prudens; cf. v. 206. — titulos, honors; strictly the inscriptions containing the dignities attained by a Roman, and hung up in the atrium of his descendants, by his wax mask; cf. I. 6. 17. — inanis: as having no real value to the philosophic mind.
213. stas animo; cf. commotus, v. 209. — cor: including the intellect as well as the moral powers.
214. si quis, etc.: the Stoic makes his meaning plain by an example that cannot be mistaken, the converse of the treatment of Iphigenia. — nitidam, cosseted, well kept and fed.
216. Rufam, Pusillam, names of girls, the second a diminutive of affection. — forti, sturdy; merely as a masculine epithet.
217. interdicto, etc. a madman.
Quid? si quis gnatam pro muta devovet agna, integer est animi? Ne dixeris. Ergo ubi prava stultitia, hic summa est insania; qui sceleratus, et furiosus erit; quem cepit vitrea fama, hunc circumtonuit gaudens Bellona cruentis.

Nunc age, luxuriam et Nomentanum arripi mecum; vincet enim stultos ratio insanire nepotes. Hic simul accepit patrimoni mille talenta, edicit, piscator uti, pomarius, auceps, unguentarius, ac Tusci turba impia vici, cum scurris fartor, cum Velabro omne macellum, mane domum veniant. Quid tum? Venere frequentes. Verba facit leno: 'Quicquid mihi, quicquid et horum could be deprived of the custody and care of his estate by means of a proceeding before the prætor.

221. stultitia: folly consisting in a wrong estimate of the value of things. — sceleratus: inasmuch as crime proceeds from wrong conceptions; cf. v. 208.

222. vitrea, glittering. — fama, etc.: the thing to be proved, as implied in v. 165. But the words refer immediately to Agamemnon, whose example has been last referred to.

223. hunc, etc.: i.e. he is crazed, like the priests of Bellona, who performed an orgiastic worship of the goddess, in which they raved and cut themselves with knives. — circumtonuit: like attonitus, of the loss of the senses produced by lightning.

224. nunc, etc.: the third head, luxurious living. — Nomentanum: cf. v. 175. — arripi: cf. II. 1. 69.


226. hic simul, etc.: the conduct of the spendthrift is essentially the same as if he actually did what he is described as doing; hence this description is inserted immediately without explanation, as if it were literally true.

227. edicit, makes proclamation; a formal word of official action. — piscator, etc.: suppliers of dainties for the table.

228. unguentarius: the dealer in perfumes. — Tusci: the Vicus Tuscus, the street leading from the Forum between the Basilica Julia and the Temple of Castor, to the low ground between the Forum and the river, was the haunt of strumpets, pimps, and worthless characters generally.

229. scurris: the parasites who afforded amusement by their buffoonery to the gay young men about town, and were in consequence entertained by them. — fartor, the sausage-maker. — Velabro, in the same region as the Forum Boarium near the river, mentioned here as a market place for viands.

230. veniant: depending on edicit.

231. verba facit: i.e. is the
cuique domi est, id crede tuum, et vel nunc pete vel cras.'
Accipe quid contra iuvenis responderit aequus:
‘In nive Lucana dormis ocreatus, ut aprum cenem ego; tu piscis hiberno ex aequore verris;
segnis ego, indignus qui tantum possideam: aufer!
sume tibi deciens; tibi tantundem; tibi triplex,
unde uxor media currit de nocte vocata.’
Filius Aesopi detractam ex aure Metellae,
scilicet ut deciens solidum absorberet, aceto
diluit insignem bacam:
qui sanior ac si illum idem in rapidum flumen iaceretve cloacam?
Quinti progenies Arri, par nobile fratrum,
nequitia et nugis pravorum et amore gemellum,
luscinias soliti impenso prandere coemptas,
quorsum abeant? Sanin’ creta, an carbone notandi?

spokesman for all the crowd who minister to the wants of the spend-thrift. All they have is at his service, either at once or whenever he likes.

233. aequus, honest, not wishing to take without payment, nor without appreciation of their services.

234. nive...ocreatus: to indicate the difficulties of the pursuit.
— Lucana, the mountains of Lucania, the haunts of the wild boar.— ocreatus, in hunting boots; properly leather leggings, an important part of the huntsman’s costume, and naturally uncomfortable to sleep in.

235. tu: another of the caterers, the fishmonger.— hiberno: and hence stormy and dangerous.— verris, scour, as with a net.

236. segnis, a lazy fellow, who incur none of these hardships.

237. tibi: the hunter.— deciens: sc. centena milia, a million ses-terces, forty to fifty thousand dollars.— tibi: the fisherman.

238. unde, whose, lit. from whom, equal a quo, the obliging husband.

239. Aesopi, a famous actor of Cicero’s time.— Metellae, doubtless his paramour, perhaps the wife of Cornelius Lentulus Spinther.

240. solidum, at a draught, lit. in a lump.

241. ac si, than if, as often.

242. in rapidum, etc.: which would be a sign of insanity.— cloacam: cf. barathro, v. 166.

243. Arri, probably the same one mentioned in v. 86.

244. impenso, at an enormous price.

245. quorsum, in which group, i.e. to the sane or the insane.— creta, an carbone, as good or bad, a figure derived from notation in the calendar of lucky and unlucky days, but possibly also connected with some commercial custom.— carbone: i.e. ut insani.
Aedificare casas, plostello adiungere mures, ludere par impar, equitare in harundine longa, si quem delectet barbatum, amentia verset. Si puerilius his ratio esse evincet amare, nec quicquam differre utrumne in pulvere, trimus quale prius, ludas opus, an merereticis amore sollicitus piores, quaero, faciasne quod olim mutatus Polemon, ponas insignia morbi, fasciolas, cubital, focalia, potus ut ille dicitur ex collo furtim carpisisse coronas, postquam est impransi correptus voce magistri? Porrigis irato puero cum poma, recusat: 'Sume, catelle!' negat; si non des, optet: amator exclusus qui distat, agit ubi secum eat an non,

247. casas, card houses. — plostello, a toy cart.
248. par impar, odd and even; a boy's game, as with us. — equitare, ride a cockhorse.
249. barbatum, a bearded man, full-grown. — verset: i.e. he would be a victim of; such conduct would be a sure sign of insanity.
250. puerilus his, etc.: i.e. the conduct of a lover is more childish than the acts mentioned. — amare: in a bad sense, intrigue.
251. pulvere: i.e. making mud pies.
252. opus: cog. acc. with ludas, waste your time; lit. make serious work of play, almost equal to play at work.
253. piores: as the especial mark of childishness. — faciasne, wouldn't you do like Polemo, i.e. feel that you had reason to reform, thus admitting your former insanity, as he did when shown the better way by the voice of philosophy.
254. mutatus, the converted. — Polemo, a fast young man of Athens, who happening in, when returning from a drinking-bout with his garland on, to a discourse of Xenocrates, leader of the Academic school, became ashamed of his condition (furtim carpisisse, etc.), reformed, and succeeded Xenocrates as the leader of the school. — insignia, symptoms. — morbi: as a form of insanity.
255. fasciolas, leg-wrapplings: these and the following are the coddling apparel of an effeminate voluptuary. — cubital, armlets. — focalia, neckcloths. — potus, reveler, one who has well drunken.
257. impransi: i.e. sober; opposed to potus.
258. porrigis, etc.: the childishness of the lover is still further illustrated by showing that the lover desires when he cannot obtain, and refuses when he is invited, as in the case in Terence's Eunuchus, when Phaedria uses the words quoted in v. 262, in reference to his mistress, who has sent for him.
259. catelle, little rat.
260. qui: adverb. — agit: with i, an unexplained irregularity, per-
quo rediturus erat non arcessitus, et haeret invisis foribus? 'Nec nunc, cum me vocat ultro, accedam, an potius mediter finire dolores? Exclusit; revocat: redeam? Non, si obsecret.' Ecce servus, non paulo sapientior: 'O ere, quae res nec modum habet neque consilium, ratione modoque tractari non volt. In amore haec sunt mala, bellum, pax rursum: haec si quis tempestatis prope ritu mobilia et caeca fluitantia sorte laboret reddere certa sibi, nihilus plus explicet ac si insanire paret certa ratione modoque.'

Quid? cum, Picenis excerpens semina pomis, gaudes si cameram percusti forte, penes te es?

Quid? cum balba feris annoso verba palato, aedificante casas qui sanior? Adde cruorem stultitiae, atque ignem gladio scrutare. Modo, inquam, Hellade percussa Marius cum praecipitat se, cerritus fuit? An commotae crimine mentis absolves hominem, et sceleris damnabis eundem, ex more imponens cognata vocabula rebus?

haps a mistaken extension of cases like considerit, II. 1. 82.

261. non arcessitus: cf. si non des optet, v. 259.

265. servus, Parmeno, Phaedria's slave.—qua re: i.e. love; the whole showing the irrationality and consequent insanity of the passion.

268. tempestatis, etc.: i.e. almost as changeable as the weather.

269. fluitantia, drifting.

272. cum Picenis, etc.: another childish act, snapping apple-seeds, a process by which lovers sought omens in regard to their love.—Picenis: cf. II. 4. 70.

274. cum balba, etc.: the lisp- ing accents of love are compared to the baby-talk of childhood.

275. cruorem: in reference to the acts of violence often inspired by love; i.e. suppose these to exist also, and the insanity is still more obvious.

276. ignem, etc.: the same idea, but alluding to a dictum of Pythagoras, τῷ μαχαίρᾳ μὴ σκαλέας, the meaning of which is not clear, perhaps, "excite not the wrathful to violence," which dictum Horace twists into this meaning.—modo: i.e. take, I say, an example that happened only just now, of the kind referred to.

277. Hellade, a woman otherwise unknown.

280. cognata, kindred; i.e. not the true philosophical ones.
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Libertinus erat, qui circum compita siccus lautis mane senex manibus currebat et 'Vnum' ('Quid tam magnum?' addens), 'unum me surpite morti, dis etenim facile est!' orabat; sanus utrisque auribus atque oculis; mentem, nisi litigiosus, exciperet dominus cum venderet. Hoc quoque volgus Chrysippus ponit fecunda in gente Meneni. 'Iuppiter, ingentis qui das adimisque dolores,' mater ait pueri mensis iam quinque cubantis, 'frigida si puerum quartana reliquerit,illo mane die, quo tu indicis ieiunia, nudus in Tiberi stabit.' Casus medicusve levarit aegrum ex praecipiti: mater delira necabit in gelida fixum ripa febrimque reducit, quone malo mentem concussa? Timore deorum. 285

281. libertinus, etc.: an example of superstition, the fourth subject.—compita: where were the shrines of the Lares.—siccus, fasting.

282. lautis manibus: a custom of the Jews, as well as many other nations, in religious observance.—senex, in his old age, when the fear of death would most affect him.—unum, me, just one man.

283. surpite: for surripite.—quid tam magnum: a common suggestion in prayers (cf. Theognis, XIV., and Odys. V. 25), as again in dis, etc.

284. sanus: in possession of all his senses, but disordered in intellect.

285. nisi litigiosus, unless he wanted a lawsuit, which would be brought against him by the purchaser of the slave, for breach of warranty of soundness. Cf. Ep. II. 2. 18.

286. exciperet, would have specially stated (if he had wanted to sell him), which was necessary to avoid liability.—dominus, his master, inasmuch as he was once a slave.—volgus: in allusion to their great number.


288. Iuppiter: used as a name of the Supreme Being, in association with Thursday, by the woman, perhaps a Jewess, or one who had adopted the rites of that nation referred to. The fast and the placing in the Tiber (baptism?) are both Oriental.

291. die, Thursday, dies Iovis.—ieiunia: the Jews fasted on Thursday, as well as Monday.

292. casus medicusve: expressly excluding the god from any share in it.—levarit: hortatory; suppose, etc.

293. necabit: by performing the vow.

295. quone: cf. uterne, II. 2. 107; quine, I. 10. 21; so utrumne, v. 251; quantane, v. 317.
Haece mihi Stertinius, sapientum octavus, amico arma dedit, posthac ne compellarer inultus. Dixerit insanum qui me, totidem audiet, atque respicere ignoto discet pendentia tergo.

_Hor._ Stoic, post damnum sic vendas omnia pluris, qua me stultitia, quoniam non est genus unum, insanire putas? Ego nam videor mihi sanus.

_Dam._ Quid? caput abscissum manibus cum portat Agave gnati infelicis, sibi tum furiosa videtur?

_Horat._ Stultum me fateor (liceat concedere veris), atque etiam insanum; tantum hoc edissere, quo me aegrotare putes animi vitio? _Dam._ Accipe: primum aedificas, hoc est, longos imitaris, ab imo ad summum totus moduli bipedalis; et idem corpore maiorem rides Turbonis in armis spiritum et incessum: qui ridiculus minus illo?

An quodcumque facit Maecenas, te quoque verum est,

296. _amico,_ as a friend.

297. _arma,_ weapons to defend myself with, _i.e._ these precepts.—_compellarer,_ _i.e._ called madman.

299. _pendentia:_ alluding to the fable of the two sacks, one containing the faults of others, and hanging in front, the other containing one’s own and hanging behind.

300. _Stoic,_ etc.: to give a more humorous close, and to include himself in the persons satirized, Horace appeals to the Stoic to give his diagnosis.—_sic:_ the regular formula in adjurations; _so,_ as you grant my request, _i.e._ on condition that. Cf. “So may each airy moon-elf and fairy,” etc. T. Moore. “Tell me, kind seer.” —_pluris:_ _i.e._ than before, so as to recover from his embarrassments.

303. _quid,_ etc.: in answer to Horace’s statement, that he is not conscious of any insanity, Damasippus refers to the case of Agave, mother of Pentheus, familiar doubtless on the stage (hence _videtur_), implying that a raving maniac even has no knowledge of his condition.

305. Horace jocosely assents to the Stoic’s statement.—_liceat:_ _i.e._ let it be no shame to be convinced.

306. _edissere,_ state fully, discourse at large.

307. _aegrotare:_ in the Stoic manner, as _morbus_ and the like.

308. _longos,_ the great, but with reference to Horace’s small stature.

309. _idem,_ at the same time; showing his inconsistency.

310. _corporre maiorem,_ too great for, etc.—_Turbonis,_ a gladiator of small size.

312. _verum,_ right.
tantum dissimilem, et tanto certare minorem?
Absentis ranae pullis vituli pede pressis,
unus ubi effugit, matri denarrat, ut ingens
belua cognatos eliserit. Illa rogare:

‘Quantane, num tantum,’ sufflans se,
‘Maior dimidio.’ ‘Num tantum?’ Cum magis atque
se magis infaret, ‘Non, si te ruperis,’ inquit,
‘par eris.’ Haec a te non multum abludit imago.

Adde poemata nunc, hoc est, oleum adde camino;
quae si quis sanus fecit, sanus facis et tu.
Non dico horrendam rabiem — Hor. Iam desine!

_Dam._ Cultum
maiore censu — Hor. Teneas, Damasippe, tuis te.
_Dam._ Mille puellarum, puerorum mille furores —
_Hor._ O maius tandem parcas, insane, minori!

IV.

_Hor._ Vnde et quo Catius? _Cat._ Non est mihi tempus aventi

314. absentis, etc.: the fable of
the frog and the ox.
320. non multum abludit, _hits not very far_; a metaphor probably
derived from fencing; cf. _eludo_.
321. _poemata_: doubtless epodes or odes. — _oleum_, etc.: a proverbial expression, doubtless meaning
that the ebullition of insanity in poetry (cf. next verse) makes it
worse.
322. _si quis_, etc.: according to the idea of the ancients that the
poet was inspired, and so frenzied; cf. _vates_.
323. _rabiem_: a stricture which, as probably did the others, came
very near the truth, plainly in accordance with the spirit of Horace’s
satire, including the poet himself among the rest. — _iam desine_: Horace represents himself as angry
at the closeness of the Stoic’s hits.
— _cultum, style of living_.
326. _maior_ . . . _insane_: Horace’s impatience rises to its height,
and he closes with an outburst which includes even the preaching Stoic
in the category of the crazy fools.

_Satire 4._ In this Satire Horace ridicules the epicures, who attach so much importance to trifling
matters in everything that pertains to the table. He puts the Satire
into the form of a dialogue between himself and a certain epicure,
Catius, who has just heard a discourse on these matters from some
noted master in the art, who is not named, and who now gives them
second-hand to Horace, with all the form and importance of philosophical
dogmas.

_1. unde et quo Catius: a com-
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ponere signa novis praeceptis, qualia vincant Pythagoran Anytique reum doctumque Platona. Hor. Peccatum fateor, cum te sic tempore laevo interpellarim; sed des veniam bonus, oro. Quod si interciderit tibi nunc aliquid, repetes mox, sive est naturae hoc sive artis, mirus utroque. Cat. Quin id erat curae, quo pacto cuncta tenerem, utpote res tenuis, tenui sermone peractas. Hor. Ede hominis nomen, simul et Romanus an hospes. Cat. Ipsa memor praecepta canam, celabitur auctor. n

‘Longa quibus facies ovis erit, illa memento, ut sucì melioris et ut magis alba rotundis, ponere; namque marem cohibent callosa vitellum. Cole suburbano qui siccìs crevit in agris dulcior; irriguo nihil est elutius horto.

mon form of salutation; cf. I. 9. 62 and 63.—tempus: i.e. to stop and talk.

2. ponere signa: a formal expression for consignare literis, commit to writing, set down, record. There is no certain reference to the mnemonic art, though such a reference is possible.—praeceptis: the regular word for philosophical doctrines.

3. Anyti, the accuser of Socrates.

4. laevo, unfavorable; from the language of augury.

5. bonus, kindly.

6. quod si, and (as to that) if. —repetes, will recall.

7. sive, etc.: i.e. so good is your memory, either naturally, or from practice in the art.

8. quin id, etc.: why, that was my anxiety, etc.; in allusion to Horace’s supposition of his forgetting something, especially as the matters are so subtle and so subtly expressed. The doctrines are treated like the profoundest discoveries in philosophy.

10. hominis: the author.

11. ipsa: the name is purposely concealed, most probably because he is a man of too much consequence to be ridiculed.—memor: i.e. exactly, with a good memory.

12. longa, etc.: the precious doctrines begin at once without further preamble, and in a rambling style, as they happen to come up in his mind.

13. sucì, taste.

14. ponere, to serve; the regular word. Cf. posito, II. 2. 23.—namque: the reason of the better taste.—callosa, of firm texture.

15. cole: the popular form of caule. —suburbano: i.e. grown in the well-watered market-gardens around the city.—siccìs: the farms in the country.

16. elutius, more insipid; of course referring to the productions of the garden, but with an allusion to the constant watering.
Si vespertinus subito te oppresserit hospes, 
ne gallina malum responsa dura palato, 
doctus eris vivam mixto mersare Falerno; 
hoc teneram faciet. Pratensibus optima fungis 
natura est; aliis male creditur. Ille salubris 
aestates perageti, qui nigris prandia moris 
finiet, ante gravem quae legerit arbore solem. 
Aufidius fortis miscebat mella Falerno, 
mendose, quoniam vacuis committere venis 
il nisi lene decet; leni praecordia mulso 
prolueris melius. Si dura morabitur alvus, 
mitulus et viles pellen obstantia conchae 
et lapathi brevis herba, sed albo non sine Coo. 
Lubrica nascentes implent conchylia lunae; 
sed non omne mare est generosae fertile testae; 
murice Baiano melior Lucrina peloris, 
ostrea Circeis, Miseno oriantur echini, 
pectinibus patulis iactan se molle Tarentum.

17. si vespertinus, etc.: i.e. in case it is necessary to serve a fowl freshly killed, on account of the sudden arrival of an unexpected guest.

18. malum: the neuter adverbial accusative.—responsa, suit, as answering the demands of the palate.—dura, tough.

19. doctus eris, you will be wise to, etc.; lit. you will be taught to.—mixto: with water, diluted.

20. pratensibus, of the meadows, as opposed to the woods.

21. male creditur, are not to be trusted, as likely to be poisonous.

22. prandia, déjeuner, or lunch, the first real meal of the day, taken about noon.

24. Aufidius, an unknown epicure. —miscebat: i.e. for mulsasum, which was taken at the beginning of a meal for an appetizer, hence vacuis.

29. brevis, small-leaved.—alba . . . Coo, wine of Cos mixed with sea water (λευκόκω), which apparently the shell-fish and sorrel were boiled.

30. lubrica: on account of their slipping down the throat easily.—nascentes, etc.: the new moon is the best time for taking shell-fish, and the different localities vary in the excellence of the fish.

31. generosae, the choicest; used regularly of fine breeds of animals.

32. murice, a turbinate shell-fish or cockle, of which many kinds are eaten in Italy.—peloris, a bivalve.

33. Miseno, on the promontory of Misenum; cf. Virg. AE. VI. 234.

34. pectinibus, the long comb-
Nec sibi cenarum quivis temere arroget artem, non prius exacta tenui ratione saporum; nec satis est cara piscis averrere mensa ignarum quibus est ius aptius et quibus assis languidus in cubitum iam se conviva reponet. 

Vmber et ligna nutritus glande rotundas curvat aper lances carnem vitantis inertem; nam Laurens malus est, ulvis et harundine pinguis. 

Vinea submittit capreas non semper edulis. 

Fecundae leporis sapiens sectabitur armos. Piscibus atque avibus quae natura et foret aetas, ante meum nulli patuit quaesita palatum. 

Sunt quorum ingenium nova tantum crustula promit. 

— aper: cf. II. 8. 6. — vitantis, i.e. if one wishes to avoid, or prefers the opposite. — inertem, tasteless, insipid. 

— malus, poor, worthless. 

— submittit, supplies. — non semper: i.e. those in the woods are to be preferred. 

— fecundae: the main idea, these in preference to any others. — armos: specified merely because that is the part eaten. — sapiens, the connoisseur. 

— natura: i.e. what kind in each case was best for the table. — aetas: the age at which they should be served. 

— meum: to be referred to the unknown epicure. — patuit, has been fully known. — quaesita: i.e. though much studied. 

— crustula, sweets, cakes and the like. — promit, invents; i.e. they content themselves with inventing dainties for dessert. 

— nequaquam satis: i.e. this is a very narrow scope for the true artist, to devote himself to one branch alone. 

like bivalve, "razor-blade(?)"— patulis, gaping, i.e. bivalve. 

35. quivis, everybody. — temere, ignorantly, without a thorough understanding of the nicer points of cookery. — artem: i.e. of preparing; used of the cook. 

36. non prius, etc., without having, etc.— exacta, weighed; cf. examen. — tenui, subtle, as in v. 9. — saporum, of flavoring and sauces. — ratione, art. The mere choice of viands such as he has described is not enough, without the art of preparing them. 

37. cara, costly. — averrere, sweep off, i.e. monopolize the whole stock of dainties. — mensa: in the market. 

38. ignarum: taking the place of the indefinite subject of averrere. — ius: i.e. in which they are boiled. — assis, roasted. 

39. in cubitum: in reference to the reclining position in which the ancients took their meals, meaning, of course, to beguile the guest to begin again. 

41. curvat, bends(with its weight).
ut si quis solum hoc, mala ne sint vina, laboret, 
quali perfundat piscis securus olivo.
Massica si caelo supponas vina sereno, 
octurna, si quid crassi est, tenuabitur aura, 
et decedet odor nervis inimicus; at illa 
integrum perdunt lino vitiata saporem.
Surrentina vafer qui miscet faece Falerna 
vina, columbino limum bene colligit ovo, 
quatenus ima petit volvens aliena vitellus.
Tostis marcentem squillis recreabis et Afra 
potorem cochlea: nam lactuca innatat acri 
post vinum stomacho; perna magis ac magis hillis 
flagitat immorsus refici; quin omnia malit, 
quaecumque immundis fervent allata popinis.
Est operae pretium duplicis pernoscere iuris 
naturam. Simplex e dulci constat olivo, 
quod pingui miscere mero muriaque decebit, 
non alia quam qua Byzantia putuit orca.

50. securus, careless, not caring.
51. supponas: i.e. expose to the
night air under a clear sky.
52. si quid crassi, if it is at
all thick or muddy.— tenuabitur,
will be refined.
53. odor, the bouquet.
54. integrum, pure; opposed
to perdunt.— lino: i.e. they are
spoiled by straining or filtering.
55. faece: the deposit, or lees,
of wine was burnt, and used to flavor
wine, and for other flavors; cf. II. 8. 9.
56. limum colligit, i.e. clarifies
the wine.
57. quatenus, since; cf. I. 1. 64.
— volvens, gathering.— aliena, all
foreign matters.
58. marcentem, i.e. who has
lost his appetite from excess of wine.
— squillis, probably a shell-fish.—
Afra: these seem to have been fa-
mous as the best.
59. innatat, does not digest,
swims in the full stomach.
60. perna: means of immorsus.
— magis, rather.
61. immorsus, stimulated, prop-
erly gnawed.— omnia: i.e. rather
than lettuce.
62. popinis, the low taverns or
restaurants.— allata, served; i.e.
the rich strong food of the common
people in their low resorts.
63. est operae pretium: a pur-
posely chosen epic phrase from En-
nius, to give pomposity to the style.
— duplicis: a technical name, no
doubt, for this sauce made of the
ordinary sauce treated as described.
65. muria, fish-brine, or the
pickle in which fish has been pre-
served, was a favorite ingredient in
the sauces or relishes of the ancients.
66. Byzantia: referring to the
tunny fish of Byzantium, which was
Hoc ubi confusum sectis inferbuit herbis
Corycioque croco sparsum stetit, insuper addes
pressa Venafranae quod baca remisit olivae.
Picenis cedunt pomis Tiburtia suco;
nam facie praestant. Venucula convenit ollis;
rectius Albanam fumo duraveris uvam.
Hanc ego cum malis, ego faecem primus et allec,
primus et invenior piper album cum sale nigro
incretum puris circumposuisse catillis.
Immane est vitium dare milia terna macello
angustoque vagos piscis urge re catino.
Magna movet stomacho fastidia, seu puer unctis
tractavit calicem manibus, dum furta ligurrit,
sive gravis veteri craterae limus adhaesit.

a great article of export; see Plin. 
H. N. IX. 20. — putuit: a not unnatural expression for the raw material, whatever the product.

67. hoc: the ius simplex.— inferbuit, has been boiled.

68. stetit, has been left to cool.

69. pressa, etc., i.e. oil of Venafrum, which was considered the best.

He here imitates the Epic style.

71. nam, i.e. I say this, because, etc.— venucula: sc. uva.— convenit ollis, is suitable for packing,

storing away to eat fresh, as opposed to the raisins mentioned in the next verse. Cf. Plin. H. N. XIV. 16.

73. hanc: i.e. grapes; the discovery consists in the combination, like "nuts and raisins."— ego faecem, etc.: the novelty apparently consisted in serving these relishes in a separate dish, and in precisely this mixture. — faecem: cf. II. 8.

9. — allec, a sauce prepared from various marine animals, like anchovy sauce, or caviare.

74. invenior: a poetic extension of the construction of dicor and the like.— piper, etc.: another combination of condiments. — sale nigro: made of wood ashes, like "pearlash."

75. puris: i.e. in separate clean plates, without any other viands.

76. immane, etc.: the mention of the setting things on the table suggests to the man the importance of the style of service, etc.— dare, etc.: i.e. spend an enormous sum for the fish, and then spoil the effect in the serving.

77. angustoque, etc.: the fault consists in having too small a plate. This, however, the connoisseur speaks of as confining the fish, which are accustomed to freedom, in too narrow limits.

78. magna, etc.: other details of the service.

79. furta, stolen dainties; the slave is represented as hastily snatching something from the dish with his fingers, and greasing the cups while handing them, in consequence.

80. gravis, etc.: the sediment re-
Vilibus in scopis, in mappis, in scobe quantus consistit sumptus? Neglectis, flagitium ingens. Ten' lapides varios lutulenta radere palma et Tyrias dare circum inluta toralia vestis, oblitarum, quanto curam sumptumque minorem haec habeant, tanto reprehendi iustius illis quae nisi divitibus nequeant contingere mensis?'

Horat. Docte Cati, per amicitiam divosque rogatus, ducere me auditum, perges quocumque, memento. Nam quamvis memori referas mihi pectore cuncta, non tamen interprest tantumdem iuveris. Adde voltum habitumque hominis, quem tu vidisse beatus non magni pendis, quia contigit; at mihi cura non mediocris inest, fontis ut adire remotos atque haurire queam vitae praecpta beatae.

remaining in the mixing-jar from long use and neglect in cleansing.

81. vilibus, etc.: i.e. what a fault is uncleanliness, when the means of cleansing are so cheap.

83. ten': the short colloquial form for te-ne. — varios, variegated, and so costly. — lutulenta: indicating carelessness in attending to the costly pavement so that the effect is lost. — radere: with ten in the infinitive of exclamation, the idea that, to think that.

84. Tyrias: the most costly coverings of the couches. — toralia, the "valance," around the feet of the couch. — vestis, after circum.

86. haec: these details of service, depending merely on cleanliness. — illis: the splendid pavements and couch-coverings.

87. divitibus, i.e. of the rich.

88. docte, etc.: Horace, as if impressed with the importance of the doctrines, begs Catius to take him with him whenever he goes to hear such valuable truths.

91. interprest, a reporter, giving the things at second hand. — adde, consider also, i.e. think what an advantage there would be to me in seeing the man's face and bearing when giving these great truths.

95. vitae praecpta beatae: i.e. in a double sense: on the one hand, of moral precepts such as secured a happy life, the aim of all the later philosophies: and on the other, of the advantages that come from attention to the rules of good living in the epicure's sense. The whole close is probably parodied from Lucr. I. 927, iuvat integros accedere fontis, atque haurire, etc.
V.

**Vlixes.** Hoc quoque, Tiresia, praeter narrata petenti responde, quibus amissas reparare queam res artibus atque modis. **Quid rides?** **Tir.** Iamne doloso non satis est Ithacam revehi patrisioque penatis aspicere? **Vlix.** O nulli quicquam mentite, vides ut nudus inopsque domum redeem, te vate; neque illic aut apotheca procis intacta est aut pecus; atqui et genus et virtus, nisi cum re, vilior alga est.

**Tir.** Quando pauperiem, missis ambagibus, horres, accipe qua ratione queas ditescere. **Turdus**

Satire 5. There was at Rome at the beginning of the Empire, in consequence of the disorganization of society and the ease with which fortunes had been acquired in the civil war, a large number of rich men and women for whom family ties did not exist or were held in little esteem. To ingratiate themselves into the favor of persons of this class, and secure a rich inheritance, became almost a profession followed by many adventurers. It is against this practice that Horace directs this satire, in which he describes ironically the methods to be pursued by the legacy hunter, apparently as if they were perfectly legitimate, and thus shows their contemptible meanness. The directions are put into the mouth of Tiresias and addressed to Ulysses at the end of the interview in the world below (Hom. Odys. XI. 148), in which Ulysses is assured by the seer of a safe return, but only after losing all his possessions. The satire has thus the form of a travesty.

1. **narrata:** the statements of the seer related in Od. XI. 90.

3. **rides:** the seer smiles at the greed of mankind as shown by Ulysses, who is not satisfied with escaping with his life, but being assured of that, at once wishes to get rich again. — *iam, already,* when he is assured of his life. — *doloso:* representing the standing epithets of Ulysses (*τοντρωτος,* etc.), but at the same time suggesting his character as illustrated by his conduct here.

6. **te vate,** according to your prophecy.

7. **apotheca:** containing his stores of grain, wine, and oil. — *procis:* the suitors of Penelope, who lived as her guests in the house of her husband while awaiting her decision. (See Hom. Odys. I. 106 et seq.). — *pecus:* both as means of subsistence, and as constituting a great part of the wealth of a barbaric chief. — *atqui:* the adversative turn in the thought depends on an idea not expressed; "I have birth and worth, to be sure; yet they are worthless without money."

9. **ambagibus:** *i.e.* the excuse he makes in *et genus et virtus,* etc.

10. **turdus:** a delicacy for the table.
sive aliud privum dabitur tibi, devolet illuc 
res ubi magna nitet domino sene; dulcia poma 
et quoscumque feret cultus tibi fundus honores, 
ante larem gustet venerabilior lare dives; 
qui quamvis periuers erit, sine gente, cruentus 
sanguine fraterno, fugitivus, ne tamen illi 
tu comes exterior, si postulet, ire recuses.

Vlix. Vtne tegam spurco Damae latus? Haud 
ita Troiae me gessi, certans semper melioribus. Tir. Ergo 
pauper eris. Vlix. Fortem hoc animum tolerare iubebo;
et quondam maiora tuli. Tu protinus, unde 
divitias aerisque ruam dic, augur, acervos. Tir. Dixi equidem et dico: captes astutus ubique

11. privum, rare, not possessed by everybody. — devolet: chosen on account of the thrush.
12. nitet, flourishes; the figure no doubt derived from animals and lands which are well kept.
13. honores: cf. ruris honorum, Carm. I. 17, 16.
14. ante larem: the first fruits were offered to the household god. Cf. pomiferi laribus consuevimus horti Mittere primitias. Calp. Ecl. II. 64.
15. sine gente: a freedman, as once having been a slave, and so 
filius nullius.
17. comes: one of the principal functions of a humble dependent 
was to escort his superior wherever he appeared abroad. Cf. I. 6, 101 and II. 112.— exterior, on the left hand, where the more humble companion would go. Cf. Suet. Claud. 24; Eutrop. VII. 13; see also tegam latus, meaning the same thing.
18. utne tegam, the idea of, etc — Damae: a common slave’s name. The little struggle of the hero gives the more force to his very speedy submission.
19. melioribus: dative, as in Greek. — ergo pauper eris, then you’ll have to be, etc., in a Laconic style, showing the necessity of this degradation. To which Ulysses replies as it were, “Oh well, if I must, I will.”
20. fortém hoc, etc.: the point of this lies in the fact that his other sufferings had contained no abasement, while here the degradation is self-imposed, though the words are imitated from his expressions of heroic fortitude. Cf. Odys. XX. 18, and V. 224. — hoc: of course the degradation, not the poverty.
22. ruam, dig up (like eruam), as the earth is the source of the precious metals.
23. dixi, etc.: with a little impatience, as if he said, I told you before, that is the only way. Cf. the abruptness of pauper eris.
testamenta senum, neu, si vafer unus et alter insidiatorem praeroso fugerit hamo, aut spem deponas aut artem illusus omittas. Magna minorve foro si res certabitur olim, vivet uter locuples sine gnatwis, improbus, ultro qui meliorem audax vocet in ius, illius esto defensor; fama civem causaque priorem sperne, domi si gnavus erit fecundave coniunx. ‘Quinte,’ puta, aut ‘Publi’ (gaudent praenomine molles auriculae) ‘tibi me virtus tua fecit amicum; ius anceps novi, causas defendere possum; eripiet quivis oculos citius mihi, quam te contemptum cassa nuce pauperet; haec mea cura est, ne quid tu perdas, neu sis iocus.’ Ire domum atque pelliculam curare iube; fi cognitor ipse. Persta atque obdura, seu rubra Canicula findet

24. si vafer, etc.: i.e. don’t be discouraged by any want of success.
25. praeroso, etc.: the figure of course is of a fish stealing the bait, and escaping uncaught.
27. magna, etc.: the Romans went into court accompanied by one or more friends (advocati), who assisted them with advice and services. Cf. I. 9. 38. This is one of the services by which the will-hunter can ingratiate himself with the rich. —res: case. Cf. reus (orig. party).
28. ultro, etc.: i.e. take no account of the justice of the cause, but be guided by the position of the parties.
32. Quinte, etc.: the use of the prænomen denotes familiarity and affection, in which the sensitive nature, looked upon by the Romans as a weakness, of these men delight. As childless old men they feel the want of affection. —puta, with a, as often in this sense, following the popular prosody as in comedy.
34. ius anceps, the doubtful points of law.
36. contemptum, cast contempt upon, treating it as another verb. The contempt would consist in getting the better of him in a lawsuit, showing that he can be attacked with impunity. Cf. sis iocus, v. 37.
38. pelliculam, his precious health; a variation on cutis (cf. Ep. I. 2. 29), in the sense of coddling one’s self. No doubt the expression is derived from the bathing and anointing which the Romans made great use of.—cognitor, his attorney; the person who appeared to represent the party in court. The advocate proper would be patronus.
39. rubra, etc.: no doubt a quotation made in jest from the poet Furius. The whole is a comic expression for the extremes of hot and cold weather.—Canicula: this ought properly to be the constellation of the Little Dog, ποντιάσ (cf. Od. III. 29. 18), but it prob-
infantis statuas, seu pingui tentus omaso
Furios hibernas cana nive conspuet Alpis.
'Nonne vides,' aliquis cubito stantem prope tangens
inquit, 'ut patiens! ut amicos aptus! ut acer!'
plures adnabunt thynni et cetaria crescent.

Si cui praeterea validus male filius in re
praeclara sublatus aletur, ne manifestum
caelibis obsequium nudet te, leniter in spem
adrepe officiosus, ut et scribare secundus
heres, et, si quis casus puerum egerit Orco,
in vacuum venias: perraro haec alea fallit.
Qui testamentum tradet tibi cumque legendum,

ably refers to or is confused with Sirius, whose rising in earlier times in Greece was the mark of the hot season.

40. infantis: literally, dumb.—
statuas: they are cracked by the excessive drought, being of wood.—
pingui: doubtless alluding to the poetaster's personal appearance.—
Furios: cf. Sat. I. 10. 36. M. Furio Bibaculus, whose nickname Alpinus appears to have been derived from this passage or a similar one. He was a ridiculous poet of Cremona.

42. stantem prope, his neighbor.
43. aptus, accommodating, strictly, adapted, i.e. adapting himself to his needs. Cf. Cic. ad Fam. XII. 39, O hominem semper illum quidem mihi aptum.

44. thynni: cf. v. 25.—cetaria, fish ponds, probably arrangements like modern weirs, but in which fish were kept awaiting a demand, and taken out as wanted, as is sometimes done nowadays with fish sold for bait.

45. si cui, etc.: i.e. occasionally as a blind the will-hunter should be content with the second chance, and pay court to a man who is not absolutely childless, but has a son, in case the son's health is poor.

46. sublatus, born, strictly, in allusion to the custom of laying a new-born child on the ground to be taken up by the father (tollere) if he wished it to be reared as his, instead of being exposed and abandoned.

47. leniter, stily; i.e. by gentle means, so as not to be caught at it.

48. secundus: i.e. in the second place, failing the first disposition of the estate to the child, through his death.

49. Orcus: the common poetic construction of the dative as end of motion is more justifiable from the fact that Orcus is properly a person. Cf. Ai'di προιαπτείω.

51. qui: with cumque.—legendum: i.e. he either wishes, as a mark of his confidence, to assure his friend that he is remembered in his will, or else to show that he is not deceived by his friend's pretended devotion.
abnuere et tabulas a te removere memento,
USIC tamen, UT limis rapias, quid prima secundo
cera velit versu; solus multisne coheres,
veloci percurre oculo. Plerumque recoc tus
scriba ex quinqueviro corvum deludet hiantem,
captatorque dabit risus Nasica Corano.

**Vlix.** Num furis? an prudentis ludis me obscura canendo?

**Tir.** O Laertiade, quicquid dicam aut erit aut non:
divinare etenim magnus mihi donat Apollo.

**Vlix.** Quid tamen ista velit sibi fabula, si licet, ede.

**Tir.** Tempore quo iuvenis Parthis horrendus, ab alto
demissum genus Aenea, tellure marique

52. **abnuere**, etc.: to show the disinterestedness of his devotion.

53. **sic tamen**, etc.: *i.e.* but do not fail to assure yourself that you are not taken in yourself. — **prima ... cera**: the first of the two tablets on which such documents were written. Cf. note on I. 6. 74. — **secundo ... versu**: the first line would have the testator's name; the second, the heir's.

55. **plerumque**, etc.: *i.e.* it very often happens that the testator sees through the wiles of the will-hunter and finally eludes him. This idea, however, is jocosely expressed by reference to a single instance where such a thing has happened. As the incident has happened since the time of Ulysses, the whole is put in the form of a prophecy, keeping up the form of the travesty, and producing a most comic effect. — **recoc tus**, boiled down; an allusion to the story of Medea, which had become almost proverbial. Cf. Cic. de Sen. XXIII. 83.

56. **scriba**: cf. II. 6. 36. — **quinqueviro**: apparently a kind of policeman. Cf. Cic. Acad. II. 44. 136, though boards of five men for several other purposes are men-
tioned. At any rate, the office is that of some humble magistrate. — **corvum**: an allusion to the fable of the fox and the crow.

58. **num furis**: the use of the proper names, unknown of course to Ulysses, makes him doubt the sanity of the seer. — **prudens, pur-
posely, as opposed to furis.**

59. **O Laertiade**: the seer replies in effect that the allusion is a prophetic one. — **aut erit aut non**: this would naturally mean, will or will not according as I say it will or will not, but no doubt there is a double meaning, with a jest at divination.

60. **divinare**: a poetic use of the infinitive probably influenced by the Greek. — **donat**: present because the gift is a continued one.

61. **tamen**: as if he said, "yes, but still I wish you would explain what the story means."

62. **tempore**, etc.: purposely put in the heroic style. The time referred to is the establishment of Augustus' power after the battle of Actium.

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magnus erit, forti nubet procera Corano filia Nasicae, metuentis reddere soldum. 65
Tum gener hoc faciet: tabulas socero dabit atque ut legat orabit; multum Nasica negatas accipiet tandem et tacitus leget, invenietque nil sibi legatum praeter plorare suisque.

64. forti: cf. II. 1. 16, 3. 216.—procrea: corresponding to forti and suggesting a fine figure. Both are no doubt stock epithets for a newly married pair, like "gallant bridegroom," and "fair bride."

65. Nasicae, etc.: the father-in-law being indebted to the son-in-law, has given him his daughter to secure his favor. — metuentis: simply a strong form for nolentis. — soldum: i.e. solidum, the principal of the debt.

66. tabulas: as in v. 52.

69. legatum: a technical word. Under the Roman law of wills it was necessary that one or more persons should be heredes or direct legatees who represented the estate or succession, and any sum that they were directed to pay was said to be legatum ab eis. Here, however, Horace probably does not use the word technically, but only in a general sense, as English left. — plorare: treated like a noun governed by praeter. It is used as in I. 10. 91, equivalent to a curse. The whole story shows comically how "the biter" may sometimes be "bit."

70. illud, etc.: other less direct means of gaining favor. — mulier: doubtless a freedwoman mistress.

72. socius: implying that they are engaged in the same enterprise.

73. hoc: i.e. the scheme referred to. — vincit, carries off the palm, as compared with the indirect means. — longe prius, by far the better course.

74. caput, the main stronghold, the old man himself. — scribet: with the force of a condition. — mala, worthless (cf. II. 1. 83). — vecors: in Latin cor included the intellectual as well as the moral powers, to which last we have limited the heart later.

75. laudato: the second form of the imperative used as often in a general command. — roget: the ne is omitted here, as frequently elsewhere.

76. potiori, your superior, more worthy than you. — putasne: in response to the idea implied in the
perdici poterit tam frugi tamque pudica, quam nequiere proci recto depellere cursu?
Tir. Venit enim magnum donandi parca iuventus nec tantum Veneris, quantum studiosa culinae. Sic tibi Penelope frugi est, quae si semel uno de sene gustarit tecum partita lucellum, ut canis a corio numquam absterrebitur uncto.

Me sene quod dicam factum est: anus improba Thebis ex testamento sic est elata: cadaver unctum oleo largo nudis umeris tulit heres, scilicet elabi si posset mortua; credo, quod nimium institerat viventi. Cautus adito, neu desis opera, neve immoderatus abundes. Difficilem et morosum offendet garrulus ultro; preceding, and repeated in the following words.
77. frugi, virtuous, properly referring to her housewifely qualities as opposed to luxury and wantonness (cf. I. 3. 49 and 4. 107).
79. enim, oh yes, for.—donandi: cf. parcus aceti, II. 2. 62; and cupidus te audiendo, Cic. de Or. II. 4. For the idea, cf.

Aktai τοι γ' ἀνάγωσι βδέας καὶ ἴφια μήλα Κόυρης δαίτα φίλοσι, καὶ ἀγλαὰ δώρα διδοῦσιν Ἄλλ' οὐκ ἀλλότριον βιοτὸν κύποινον ἐδούσιν. — Hom. Odys. XVIII. 277.

81. sic, that's why, referring to the circumstances just mentioned.—uno: opposed to the number of the suitors.

83. canis, etc.: proverbial, cf. χαλέπδν χορὸ κύνα γεώσαι. Here is the usual identification of the figure with the object. Cf. II. 1. 20.

84. me sene: a jocose expression in accordance with the dramatic setting varied from me iuvene, and the like. The anecdote shows the necessity of caution in the pursuit of this profession.—improba, malicious.

85. sic, in this fashion, as follows.—elata: the technical word for carrying to the grave.
86. tullit: the statement implies (cf. ex testamento) that these were the conditions of the will, which is the real fact to be stated though it is not directly set down.
87. scilicet, to see, no doubt.—posset: the so-called indirect question with si.—mortua: i.e. since she never had been able to get away from him while alive, which is stated indirectly in the next line.
88. cautus adito: as a kind of conclusion from the preceding, followed by further amplification of the same theme.—abundes: sc. opera supplied from opera.
90. difficilem et morosum: the common characteristics of old men. Cf. at sunt morosi et anxii et iracundii et difficiles senes. Cic. de
non etiam sileas; Davus sis comicus, atque stes capite obstipo, multum similis metuenti. Obsequio grassare; mone, si increbuit aura, cautus uti velet carum caput; extrahe turba oppositis umeris; aurem substringe loquaci. Importunus amat laudari; donec 'Ohe iam!' ad caelum manibus sublatis dixerit, urge, crescentem tumidis infla sermonibus utrem.

Cum te servitio longo curaque levarit, et certum vigilans, QVARTAE sit PARTIS VLIxes audieris HERES: 'Ergo nunc Dama sodalis nusquam est? Vnde mihi tam fortem tamque fidelem?'

Sen. XVIII. 65. Evidently this was thought to be their ordinary character, though Cicero maintains that this is not the fault of age.—garrulus: an example of one qui immoderatus abundat.—ultro, rather, i.e. instead of pleasing, which he hopes to do, he will fail to please, and will offend the old man besides.

91. non: here not different from ne, though doubtless the construction is of different origin, coming from the potential use of the subjunctive. Cf. Ep. I. 18. 72.—etiam, either, properly too.—Davus: a stock name for slaves in the comedy. Cf. e.g. Ter. Andria.

92. obstipo, humbly bowed, properly, slanting, bowed and turned to one side. Cf. λαξος, Theognis, 548. —multum: apparently colloquial in this sense. Cf. I. 3. 57, where its connection with a participle is more regular.

95. substringe, prick up, properly, tie up.

96. importunus, spoiled or exacting, in so far as he is inconsiderate of the claims of others, and so is troublesome.

96. ohe iam: cf. I. 5. 12.

97. ad caelum, etc.: properly a gesture of supplication to be delivered from the excess of flattery, impliedly, however, in this case half affected.

98. crescentem . . . utrem, the swelling wind-bag.—tumidis: active, puffing (?). Cf. tumidus Auster, Virg. AEn. III. 357.

100. certum: sharply, so as to be perfectly sure of your aim. Cf. certum scire, etc.


102. fortem, noble. Cf. v. 64, and II. 1. 16, where, however, the conception is somewhat different. The word, expressing courage, spirit, and the stalwart virtues generally, is very widely used to express the highest ideal of a Roman worthy. So bonus et fortis, the stock Roman expression for a gentleman. Cf. Ep. I. 9. 13; Cic. Brut. 2. 6. For the construction, supply quaeoram, or the like, which is regularly omitted, cf. II. 7. 116.
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sparge subinde, et, si paulum potes, illacrimare: est gaudia prodentem voltum celare. Sepulchrum permissum arbitrio sine sordibus exstrue; funus egregie factum laudet vicinia. Si quis forte coheredum senior male tussiet, huic tu dic, ex parte tua seu fundi sive domus sit emtor, gaudentem nummo te addicere. — Sed me imperiosa trahit Proserpina: vive valeque!

VI.

Hoc erat in votis: modus agri non ita magnus, hortus ubi et tecto vicinus iugis aquae fons et paulum silvae super his foret. Auctius atque di melius fecere. Bene est. Nil amplius oro,

103. est, 'tis well, properly like ἔστιν, it is allowable, one may (well).
104. celare: i.e. with tears.
108. fundi, land. — domus: buildings in the city.
110. imperiosa (cf. ἐπαυή Περσεφόνεια, Hom. II. IX. 457), all-powerful, whose imperia cannot be disobeyed. To Hecate, identified with Proserpine, was assigned the control of the shades, and to her were addressed the prayers intended to summon them. Cf. I. 8. 33, and Odys. XI. 225 (κατανευν γὰρ ἀγαυὴ Περσεφόνεια). — vive valeque: a common form of parting salutation. Cf. Ep. I. 6. 67, and Hospes vive vale, Inscript. in Bull. Ist. Arch. 1872, p. 30.

Satire 6. This Satire combines a cry of the heart against the worries of the city and praises of the delights of country life, with a delicate expression of thanks to Mæcenas for his gift of the Sabine farm, which has enabled Horace to satisfy his craving. The fable of the city and the country mouse ingeniously introduced gracefully repeats the same general theme.

2. iugis: either with aquae or fons. The latter would follow the favorite interlocked order, but cf. Ep. I. 15. 16.
3. super his, in addition to this; in prose it would be accusative.
Maia nate, nisi ut propria haec mihi munera faxis. 
Si neque maiorem feci ratione mala rem, 
nec sum facturus vitio culpave minorem; 
si venerator stultus nihil horum: 'O si angulus ille 
proximus accedat, qui nunc denormal agellum!
O si urnam argenti fors quae mihi monstraret, ut illi, 
thesauro invento qui mercennarius agrum 
illum ipsum mercatus aravit, dives amico 
Hercule!' si quod adest gratum iuvat, hac prece te oro: 
pingue pecus domino facias et cetera praeter 
ingenium, utque soles, custos mihi maximus adsis!

auctius: more generously, a rare 
adverb, but in accordance with the 
meaning of auctus, abundant.

5. Maia nate: Mercury, as the 
god of gain, cf. II. 3. 68; but cf. 
also v. 15 with Od. II. 17. 29, and 
II. 7. 13. — propria: cf. II. 2. 129, and 
Ep. II. 2. 172. — faxis: this 
use of the perfect for the present 
seems to be colloquial and 
archaic, as certainly the use of the 
short form is.

6. si: introducing the protasis of 
oro, v. 13, a common form of 
supplication in ancient times. Cf. "as 
we forgive those," etc., Od. III. 18. 
5; Σμινθείν εὐπτοτε τοι χαριεῖν έπι 
vην έρεψα, Hom. II. I. 39. — 
maiorem, etc.: cf. I. 4. 108. — ratione 
mala, any base means prompted by 
avarice. This is spoken of in the 
past because the poet takes the present 
condition of his estate as the 
starting point.

7. sum facturus, etc.: i.e. have 
no bad habits of luxury (vitio) to 
waste, nor idleness (culpa) to 
neglect, and so lose my property. These 
are spoken of as to their future 
results. The whole claims the favor of 
the god on account of past virtues and present character.

8. venerator: i.e. pray for in my 
worship of the gods. Cf. II. 2. 124;
and qui multa deos venerati sunt 
contra eius salutem, Cic. ad Fam. 
VI. 7. — stultus: i.e. as covetous, 
and so not a sapiens, who would 
have no vain desires. — nihil horum, nothing like this.

9. denormal, breaks the line of, 
a technical word of surveying.

10. urnam argenti: the ancients 
on account of the insecure state of 
society were often wont to bury 
their treasure, and at times to lose it. Cf. Plaut. 
Aulularia and nec vero quemquam senem audivi obli-
tum quo loco thesaurum obriisset, 
Cic. de Sen. 21.

11. qui mercennarius: a short-
hand way of saying qui agrum, quem 
mercennarius araverat, mercatus 
(and so the owner) aravit. This 
compendious form seems colloquial 
like so many other expressions in 
the Satires.

13. Hercule: regarded as a giver 
of gain (πλοῦτοδότης), especially 
from hidden treasures. — gratum, 
my grateful soul, i.e. if I am satisfied and thankful.

14. pingue, heavy (to render the 
punning force of the word as applied to ingenium), dull, thick. — 
cetera, all the rest.

15. ut soles: cf. Od. II. 17. 29, 
and Od. II. 7. 13. Mercury being
Ergo ubi me in montis et in arcem ex urbe removi, 
quid prius illustrem saturis Musaque pedestri? 
Nec mala me ambitio perdit nec plumbeus Auster 
autumnusque gravis, Libitinae quaestus acerbae. 
Matutine pater, seu Iane libentius audis, 
unde homines operum primos vitaeaque labores 
instituunt (sic dis placitum), tu carminis esto

the god of eloquence is regarded by 
Horace as his tutelary divinity.
16. ergo: i.e. since I am thus 
contented and thankful. — arcem, 
my stronghold, with a reference at 
one to the heights and the secure 
17. prius, rather, i.e. than the 
pleasures of my country home (cf. 
note to ergo, v. 16). — saturis: i.e. 
in a composition which reflects the 
whole life of the author, and is an 
indiscriminate collection of thoughts, 
facts, and feelings (cf. II. 1. 30), 
and so may well begin with what is 
nearest the poet's heart. — pedes-
18. mala ambitio, etc.: i.e. in 
this retreat I secure at the same time 
health of mind and of body. — plum-
beus, leader, as weighing down the 
body, making one feel lifeless and 
inert. — Auster: i.e. the sirocco, 
an especially oppressive and deadening 
wind.
19. gravis, fatal, inducing fevers. 
— Libitinae: in the temple of Venus 
Libitina were found the undertakers 
and all the paraphernalia of inter-
ment. The connection of this tem-
ple with death was probably merely 
accidental, but in course of time the 
name of the goddess came to be as-
associated with funerals. Cf. Od. III. 
30. 7. — quaestus: a fee was paid 
at the registration of burials, and 
ence the autumn as causing death 
was a gain to the goddess. Trans. 
profitable to. The poet means to 
say that this country abode is salu-
tary for soul and body too.
20. matutine pater, god of the 
morning, apparently a half humor-
ous invocation used merely to ex-
press the morning itself. — Iane: 
following the custom of the ancients 
in addressing their gods (cf. Carm. 
Saec. 14 seq., Illynthia . . . Sive tu 
Lucina probas vocari, Seu Genita-
lis) he identifies his supposed divi-
nity with Janus, the god of begin-
nings generally. The vocative is 
used as the actual form that the god 
would hear. Cf. Ep. I. 7. 38. — au-
dis, art called, perhaps originally an 
imitation of ákóbevw but afterwards 
38, and erat surdaster M. Cras-
sus, sed alius molestius quod male 
audiebat, Cic. Tusc. V. 40).
21. unde . . . instituunt (= a 
quo incipiant), with whom (as the 
god invoked) men begin, etc. — 
operum vitaeaque: a case of what 
is called hendiadys, where a par-
icular idea is mentioned first, and 
a general one including the first is 
added. But the same form is also 
used in English, and really has no 
claim to be called a figure at all. 
— operum refers to the thing to be 
done, labores to the effort to do it.
22. sic dis, etc.: i.e. in the 
arrangement of the world this god 
has this particular function of pre-
siding over beginnings (cf. Janua-
rius, and the temple of Janus in 
relation to war).
principium. Romae sponsorem me rapis. 'Heia, ne prior officio quisquam respondeat, urge!' Sive Aquilo radit terras seu bruma nivalem interiore diem gyro trahit, ire necesse est. Postmodo quod mi obsit clare certumque locuto, luctandum in turba et facienda iniuria tardi.
'Quid vis, insane, et quas res agis?' improbus urget iratis precibus; 'tu pulses omne quod obstat, ad Maecenatem memori si mente recurras?'
Hoc iuvat et melli est, non mentiar. At simul atras

23. Romae: as opposed to the undisturbed quiet of country life. — sponsorem, as a bondsman. In the Roman legal proceedings there were many cases in which bail was necessary, so that it seems to have been a common friendly officium to act as security. Cf. I. 1. 11 and Ep. II. 2. 67. The trials began about nine (cf. I. 9. 35); and probably the preliminary proceedings (in iure) were earlier. — Heia, etc.: the poet's own reflection is put into the mouth of the god.
24. respondeat: answer to the call of duty, i.e. perform the duty itself.
25. Aquilo, etc.: notwithstanding the raw wind or freezing cold, the Tramontana. — radit, rasps.
26. interiore: i.e. at the winter solstice, when the short day seems to make a circle of small diameter, as the sun does in the heaven. — trahit: as if the day came unwillingly to an end.
27. postmodo: with obsit. — obsit, cause loss, when by and by he has to pay the amount of his surety. — clare. i.e. without shrinking. — certum: in the exact form prescribed, as otherwise the act would be invalid.
28. luctandum, etc.: i.e. he has at once to hurry away to the next duty, his morning call (salutatio) on Mæcenas. — facienda, etc.: indicating his hurry in a more lively way by its effects.
29. quid vis, etc.: the remonstrance of the persons he runs against. — improbus, impudently.
30. precibus, imprecations. — pulses, do you think you must knock down. Subjunctive of indignant question.
31. ad Mæcenatem, etc.: implying that his relation to Mæcenas is known and envied. — memori mente, thinking of nothing but him. There seems to be an implied taunt.
32. melli est, is sweet as honey to me. — non mentiar, I will not deny, i.e. to tell the truth, though the statement is contrary to my argument. The words contain also of course a compliment to Mæcenas. — at: i.e. but when I arrive it is no better, as it might be, if it were only on the way that he was subject to these annoyances, which after all have their compensations as he has just said. — atras: cf. I. 8. 10.
ventum est Esquilias, aliena negotia centum per caput et circa saliunt latus. 'Ante secundam Roscius orabat sibi adesses ad Puteal cras.'

'De re communi scribae magna atque nova te orabant hodie meminisses, Quinte, reverti.'

'Imprimat his cura Maecenas signa tabellis.'

Dixeris, 'Experiar:' 'Si vis, potes,' addit et instat.

Septimus octavò propior iam fugerit annus, ex quo Maecenas me coepit habere suorum in numero; dumtaxat ad hoc, quem tollere raeda vellet iter faciens, et cui concredere nugas hoc genus: 'Hora quota est?' — 'Thraex est Gallina Syro par?'

33. Esquilias: on the Esquiline was Mæcenas's house and a fine garden. — negotia, affairs.

34. saliunt, assail; the figure is too strong to be literally rendered, though it was originally in our English word as well. — ante, etc.: the words of a messenger of Roscius who had some claim or other upon the poet. — ante secundam: i.e. in the first twelfth of the day.

35. orabat: like the epistolary imperfect, which is written with reference to the time of the reading. Very likely the messages are conceived as written and quoted verbatim. — Puteal: the Puteal Libonis, a kind of well curb in the Forum (cf. Ep. I. 19. 8) around a place once struck by lightning. As it was near the tribunal of the prætor, the matter was probably a judicial one in which Horace would appear as advocatus. Cf. I. 9. 38.

36. de re communi, etc., a new matter of great importance to our body. Horace had once been a regular clerk of the treasury. The expressions aliena negotia, reverti, and re communi seem to indicate that he was a clerk still, but only a nominal one. Cf. the case of Sarmentus, I. 5. 66.

37. meminisses, you will not forget. — Quinte, friend Horace (cf. II. 5. 32), as the prænomen indicates intimacy. — reverti, come in, probably to the office of the quæstors, which he would not always do if he was a mere nominal clerk.

38. imprimat, etc.: the words of some one who wished to give a favor from Mæcenas through Horace's influence.

39. dixeris, if you (i.e. Horace) say; hortatory subjunctive. — si vis, etc.: this statement Horace ingeniously uses as a transition to his relations with Mæcenas.

40. septimus, etc.: this would give as the date of the Satire B.C. 31, as that of his introduction was about B.C. 38. Cf. Dacis, v. 53.

42. dumtaxat ad hoc, merely to this extent; i.e. not in a close intimacy as a confidential friend.

43. nugas: i.e. only the merest trifles of conversation.

44. hoc genus, of this sort, prop
Matutina parum cautos iam frigora mordent; —
et quae rimosa bene deponuntur in aure.
Per to tum hoc tempus subiection in diem et horam 
invidiae noster. Ludos spectaverat una,
luserat in Campo: 'Fortunae filius!' omnes.
Frigidus a Rostris manat per compita rumor:
quicumque obvius est, me consulit: 'O bone (nam te 
scrire, deos quoniam propius contingis, oportet),
numquid de Dacis audisti?' 'Nil equidem.' 'Vt tu

erly in apposition with nugas.—
Thraex, the Thracian, i.e. a gladiator in Thracian arms, a round 
shield and curved sword. The Romans were fond of fights in which 
gladiators of different and outlandish arms were matched against each other, 
and they talked about their favorites much as our sporting men talk about oarsmen and ball-players.
— Gallina, the Chicken, a nickname.
— Syro: a gladiator's name, probably of a mirmillo (the kind that 
usually fought against the Thrae ces, cf. Cic. Phil. III. 12, Suet. Dom. 10) 
armed in the Gallic fashion, with a large, strong shield, and heavy 
armor.
45. matutina, etc.: mere remarks about the weather.
46. rimos a, deponuntur: the figure of a deposit is not uncommon 
in reference to secrets, cf. Od. I. 27. 18; and nisi quod credideris sumes 
ubi posiveris, Pl. Trin. 145. Cf. also Ter. Eun. 105, plenus rima-
rum sum hac atque illac perfluo.
The whole means that Horace was only trusted with things that would 
do no harm if betrayed, though people outside thought otherwise, as 
appears from the following.
48. noster, our friend, Horace.
— una: i.e. with Mæcenas.
49. omnes: se. iniquiunt.

50. frigidus, chilling, as being bad 
news. — a Rostris: i.e. from the 
rostra, where news would be announced to the crowd in the Forum; 
or if not publicly announced first made known there. — per compita, 
by the street corners, where the next largest assemblies of men would 
be collected.
51. quicumque, etc.: further explaining the invidia, but at the 
same time showing that the real state of the case was different 
from that supposed by the envious crowd. — O bone, my good friend, 
but apparently with a touch of depreciation.
52. deos: trans. literally, but re-
ferring to the leading statesman with 
whom Horace was supposed to be in 
contact from his intimacy with Mæcenas.
53. num quid, etc.: you haven't, 
etc., have you? The question formally but not really expects a negative 
answer, as often the corresponding form in other languages. — 
Dacis: in B.C. 31, after the battle of Actium, an invasion of Italy was 
fearsome from the Dacians who had been on the side of Antony (cf. v. 41). — nil equidem, not a thing. — 
ut tu, etc., what a wag, etc., the 
answer of the incredulous interlocutor.
semper eris derisor!’ ‘At omnes di exagitent me, si quicquam.’ ‘Quid, militibus promissa Triquetra praedia Caesar, an est Itala tellure daturus?’

Iurantem me scire nihil mirantur, ut unum scilicet egregii mortalem altique silenti.

Perditur haec inter misero lux non sine votis: O rus, quando ego te aspiciam? quandoque licebit nunc veterum libris, nunc somno et inertibus horis ducere sollicitae iucunda oblivia vitae? O quando faba Pythagorae cognata simulque uncta satis pingui ponentur holuscula lardo? O noctes cenaeque deum! quibus ipsse meique ante larem proprium vescor vernasque procacis pasco libatis dapibus. Prout cuique libido est, siccat inaequalis calices conviva, solutus

54. at omnes, etc.: Horace's asseveration in reply. 55. quid, etc.: another similar inquiry. — promissa, etc.: i.e. the allotments of land to the veterans, which had been promised by Augustus.

57. unum: not merely a, but the one of all men.

59. perditur: instead of perit, which is the usual substitute for the passive.— haec: this envy and worry which are unavoidable in the city.

61. veterum: cf. II. 3. 11. — libris: abl. of means with ducere.

63. faba, etc.: the simple viands of the country. — Pythagorae: beans were forbidden as food by Pythagoras, because, as was said by some, they contain the souls of the dead. Hence Horace jocosely calls them the kinsfolk of that philosopher. — simulque, and with them.

64. satis, well (with uncta). — holuscula, humble greens.

65. deum: i.e. as enjoyable as theirs. — mei: i.e. friends.

66. ante larem: i.e. the hearth, which, according to the simple custom of the early Romans, stood at the back of the atrium, where also was the place for the household god, the lar familiaris. Cf. Epod. 2. 66; Serv. to Æn. I. 730. — vernas, household servants; this also points to the simple habits of early times retained in country life, according to which the slaves also ate in the atrium. — procacis, saucy, a characteristic of the slaves brought up in the house along with the children.

67. libatis dapibus: the remnant of the feast. Properly the words refer to a rich feast, of which part was offered to the gods (libare). — libido, fancy.

68. inaequalis: not (as was usual at formal dinners) prescribed by regulation (legibus) as to the
legibus insanis, seu quis capit acria fortis
pocula, seu modicis uvescit laetius. Ergo
sermo oritur, non de villis domibusve alienis,
nec male necne Lepos saltet; sed quod magis ad nos
pertinet et nescire malum est agitamus: utrumne
divitiis homines an sint virtute beati;
quia ad amicitias, usus rectumne, trahat nos;
et quae sit natura boni, summumque quid eius.

Cervius haec inter vicinus garrit anilis
ex re fabellas. Si quis nam laudat Arelli
solicititas ignarus opes, sic incipit: 'Olim
amount of wine and water. Cf. II.
2. 123.
69. insanis, absurd, crazy, as
being irrational, merely freaks
of fashion. — caput: i.e. is able
to stand. — acria, strong.
70. laetius, etc., delights rather
to, etc.— Ergo: i.e. in accordance
with the frugal character of the
meal. Cf. II. 2. 4 seq.
71. alienis: which would indi-
cate envy or rivalry in display,
whereas their conversation is di-
rected to their own ethical im-
provement.
72. Lepos (a pantomime dancer):
as a sample of trivial themes.
73. utrumne: cf. II. 3. 295 with
note.
74. divitiis, etc.: one of the
favorite ethical questions of the
ancients was whether men could
be perfectly happy (beatissimi)
through virtue alone, the Stoic
school holding that it was possible,
against the Peripatetics. Cf. Cic.
Tusc. Disp. V. passim.
75. usus rectumne, advantage
(cf. I. 1. 73), or virtue (honestum,
τὸ πρέπον, cf. I. 1. 107), the former
being the Epicurean, and the latter
the Stoic view.— trahat: i.e. the
origin of friendship.
76. boni, the good; the technical
name for that which being in itself
desirable may be used as the crite-
ron of human action, answering in
ancient philosophy to "the chief
end of man." — summum eius:
the summum bonum, called also
finis honorum, and extremum
bonum, the ultimate foundation
of all ethical systems. Cf. Cicero de
Finibus, passim, which is a treatise
on that subject.
77. Cervius: doubtless a neigh-
bor (cf. mei, v. 65) dining with the
poet. — haec inter, in the talk.—
garrit, tells in lively strain. —
anilis fabellas, nursery tales, like
"old wives' fables," but without the
contempt implied in that phrase.
78. ex re, in point, arising from
the subject, and illustrating it.—
Arelli: a rich neighbor,— so that
after all, human nature was too much
for them, and they did talk "de
villis domibusve alienis."
79. sollicitas, care-haunted. —
ignarus, foolishly, not knowing the
true nature of happiness.— olim,
once upon a time.
rusticus urbanum murem mus paupere fertur accepisse cavo, veterem vetus hospes amicum, asper et attentus quaesitis, ut tamen artum solveret hospitiis animum. Quid multa? neque ille sepositi ciceris nec longae invidit avenae, aridum et ore ferens acinum semesaque lardi frusta dedit, cupiens varia fastidia cena vincere tangentis male singula dente superbo; cum pater ipse domus palea porrectus in horna est ador loliumque, dapis meliora relinquens. Tandem urbanus ad hunc: ‘Quid te iuvat,’ inquit, ‘amice, praerupti nemoris patientem vivere dorso? Vis tu homines urbemque feris praeponere silvis? Carpe viam, mihi crede, comes, terrestria quando mortalis animas vivunt sortita, nequeulla est aut magno aut parvo leti fuga: quo, bone, circa, dum licet, in rebus iucundis vive beatus, vive memornquam sis aevi brevis.’ Haec ubi dicta agrestem pepulere, domo levis exsilit; inde

81. veterem vetus: two old friends, guest and host. Notice the general Epic flavor of the story.
82. asper, ascetic, not self-indulgent. — ut: i.e. talis or ita ut. — artum, careful, properly not allowed to expand in genial relaxation.
83. quid multa: a common form of transition, like "to make a long story short."
84. ciceris: genitive after invidit, apparently an imitation of the Greek; for the usual construction, see I. 6. 50.
86. fastidia, want of appetite, disdaining common food. The viands are what the host regards as delicacies.

87. male, hardly. — superbo, disdainful.
88. pater domus: a variation on paterfamilias.
91. patientem, contented, patient of the privations which your life brings with it. — dorso, etc.: the rocky wooded ridge.
92. vis, an informal exhortation, like our will you? or won't you?
93. mihi crede, take my advice, a common form of encouragement and exhortation. — terrestria, etc.: i.e. since life is so short, enjoy it while it lasts.
94. sortita, with the destiny of; lit. having got by lot.
95. quo...circa: separated for the sake of the metre.
ambo propositum peragunt iter, urbis aventus moenia nocturni subrepere. Iamque tenebat nox medium caeli spatium, cum ponit uterque in locuplete domo vestigia, rubro ubi coco	
tincta super lectos canderet vestis eburnos, multaque de magna superessent fercula cena, quae procul exstructis inerant hesterna canistris. Ergo, ubi purpurea porrectum in veste locavit agrestem, veluti succinctus cursitat hospes continuatque dapes, nec non verniliter ipsis fungit officiiis, praelambens omne quod affert. Ille cubans gaudet mutata sorte bonisque rebus agit laetum convivam, cum subito ingens valvarum streitus lectis excussit utrumque. Currere per totum pavidi conclave, magisque examines trepidare, simul domus alta Molossis personuit canibus. Tum rusticus 'Haud mihi vita est opus hac,' ait, 'et valeas; me silva cavusque tutus ab insidiis tenui solabitur ervo.'

98. levis: i.e. gladly.
104. fercula, courses; properly the trays on which the courses were served at a Roman banquet.
105. procul, at one side, not necessarily at a distance; derived from pro, cf. Proculus and proximus.—exstructis, well filled, heaped high, with the plenteous food.
107. succinctus, a waiter; cf. II. 8. 10.
108. verniliter, like a pampered house-servant, tasting everything with the greed of that class.—ipsis: i.e. he not only bustles about as busy as a waiter, which he might do even as a host, but he also performs the servile offices like a slave and with the greedy taste of one as well.
111. agit, plays the part of.
112. valvarum, etc.: i.e. when the work of the day begins.—Molossis: cf. Virg. Georg. III. 405.
114. simul: i.e. simul ac.
115. haud mihi est opus, I have no occasion for, with the same spirit as in "no, I thank you."
117. ervo: abl. of means. The meaning of course is that the security of his home even with his humble fare will console him for the loss of the dainties which it does not afford.
VII.


D. Pars hominum vitiiis gaudet constanter et urget propositum; pars multa natat, modo recta capessens, interdum pravis obnoxia. Saepe notatus cum tribus anellis, modo laeva Priscus inani, vixit inaequalis, clavum ut mutaret in horas,

Satire 7. Horace here makes sport of the Stoic paradox, "Solum sapientem esse liberum et omnem stultum servum" (cf. I. 3 and II. 3). In this, however, as in the other cases, the poet uses the truth underlying the paradox to ridicule the follies of mankind, including himself. The argument is put into the mouth of his slave, who represents himself as having got his teachings through the doorkeeper of the Stoic preacher, Crispinus (cf. I. 1. 120). To give probability to the license of the slave, he sets the scene at the Saturnalia, during which, in memory of the Golden Age, the equality of all men was in a manner recognized.

1. ausculto, etc.: as the master is busy, apparently writing or thinking, he does not see the slave, who, after listening by the door to see whether his master is engaged with anybody, finally ventures to make his presence known. The master still does not look up, but recognizes him by his voice.

2. Davusne, is it you, Davus? For the name, cf. II. 5. 91.

3. frugi, an honest fellow (cf. II. 5. 77), referring to the virtues of industry, sobriety, and the like.

4. ut vitale, etc., not too good to live; cf. "the good die young," a familiar notion with the ancients (cf. Plaut. Bacch. 816; Ov. Am. II. 6. 39). — libertate Decembri: i.e. of the Saturnalia.

6. pars, etc.: the slave in Horace's regular manner approaches the subject gradually (cf. v. 21), beginning with a philosophical division of the vicious into those who follow vice with vigor, and those who weakly show their feebleness of purpose even in vicious courses.

7. natat, drift.

8. notatus, conspicuous, but with a shade of blame in it, on account of the display of luxury and effeminacy.

9. Priscus: a man of senatorial rank, an example of this inconsistency, and want of constant purpose.

10. inaequalis: cf. I. 3. 9. — clavum mutaret: i.e. from broad to narrow, now appearing with pride as a senator, now as a simple eques.
aedibus ex magnis subito se conderet, unde mundior exiret vix libertinus honeste; iam moechus Romae, iam mallet doctus Athenis vivere, Vertumnis quotquot sunt natus iniquis. Scurra Volanerius, postquam illi iusta cheragra contudit articulos, qui pro se tolleret atque mitteret in phimum talos, mercede diurna conductum pavit; quanto constantior isdem in vitiis, tanto levius miser ac prior illo, qui iam contento, iam laxo fune laborat.

H. Non dices Hodie quorsum haec tam putida tendant, furcifer? D. Ad te, inquam. H. Quo pacto, pessime?

D. Laudas fortunam et mores antiquae plebis, et idem, si quis ad illa deus subito te agat, usque recuses,

12. mundior, respectable; i.e. of the better class. — honeste, with decency.
13. doctus, a philosopher.
14. Vertumnis: there was properly only one god of this name, the god of the changing seasons. The poet, however, jocosely multiplies the number, and represents them as having given him at his birth all their fickleness to his injury.
15. Volanerius: an example of persistence. — iusta, well earned, by excesses at the table, which he frequented as scurra, or professional diner-out.
16. contudit: i.e. so that he could no longer do the service for himself. — se: the reflexive allowed because the clause is a purpose of the man.
17. talos, the knuckle-bones, used by the ancients as well as dice for gaming.
18. conductum, etc.: indicating his devotion to the game. — pavit, kept.
19. levius miser: the slave makes the consistently vicious man the better off of the two.
20. contento, etc.: the figure probably derived from leading an animal, whose attempts to get free only trouble it the more.
21. Hodie: not in the literal sense, but as in the comedy in its weakest use, now. — quorsum ... tendunt, what ... is driving at, the regular expression (often with tendere omitted) for asking the meaning of an argument. — putida, silly stuff.
22. ad te, at you, the slave taking the quorsum in a different sense, and so bringing the argument home in Horace’s usual manner, as he proceeds to explain in the next verse. — laudas: cf. II. 6. 60. It is characteristic of Horace that this reproach should be selected, which is in the main true (cf. Ep. I. 8. 12).
23. fortunam, condition, in regard to their mode of life.
24. usque, “every time.”
aut quia non sentis, quod clamatas, rectius esse, aut quia non firmus rectum defendis, et haeres nequiquam caeno cupiens evellere plantam. Romae rus optas; absentem rusticus urbem tollis ad astra levis. Si nusquam es forte vocatus ad cenam, laudas securum holus, ac, velut usquam vinctus eas, ita te felicem dicis amasque quod nusquam tibi sit potandum. Iusserit ad se Maecenas serum sub lumina prima venire convivam: 'Nemon' oleum fert ocius? Ecquis audit? cum magnopie blateras clamore fugisque. Mulvius et scurrae, tibi non referenda precati, discedunt. 'Etenim dixerit ille, 'duci ventre levem, nasum nidore supinor, imbecillus, iners, si quid vis, adde, popino. Tu, cum sis quod ego et fortassis nequior, ultro insectere velut melior, verbisque decoris
obvolvas vitium?’ Quid, si me stultior ipso quingentis empto drachmis deprenderis? Aufer me voltu terrere; manum stomachumque teneto, dum quae Crispini docuit me ianitor edo.

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Tu cum proiectis insignibus, anulo equestri Romanoque habitu, prodis ex iudice Dama turpis, odoratum caput obscurante lacerna, non es quod simulas? Metuens induceris, atque altercante libidinibus tremis ossa pavore.

42. quid si, etc.: the slave takes up the reproach of Mulvius. — me, etc.: the qualities here mentioned were especially ascribed to slaves. Cf. vv. 102, 109; II. 6. 109; I. 3. 81.

43. quingentis drachmis: i.e. five hundred denarii, less than $100.00, a low price for a slave of any worth. — deprenderis: not merely found to be, but found out to be, or detected in being, as if caught in his pretence of virtue. — aufer, don’t try. Horace represents himself as angered by the reproach, thus indicating that the blow has struck home. Whereupon the slave replies, as it were, “Oh, you needn’t try to frighten me with your frowns; wait till I show you why.”

44. terrere: with aufer, as a complementary infinitive, in accordance with Horace’s fondness for the infinitive with any word whose meaning is akin to the verbs which take that construction regularly. The charges are of course over-drawn, and Horace does not have reference to himself alone, but he includes himself along with others. Cf. v. III. and Ep. I. 1. 97, etc.

53. tu: referring to any respectable person, not necessarily Horace, of whom we do not know that he was an eques. Still his military tribuneship makes it possible.

54. Romano, etc.: i.e. the toga. — ex iudice, etc.: i.e. you change your station from an eques to a slave, and in fact are what you pretend to be, which is in accordance with the Stoic dogma, omnem stultum esse servum.

55. lacerna: a coarse, rough cloak, often with a capuchin or hood, as is intimated here.

57. libidinibus: dative after verbs of contending, as in Greek.

Tune mihi dominus, rerum imperii hominumque

59. auctoratus, bound; the technical expression for the contract of one who sold himself as a gladiator. Cf. illius turpissimi auctoramenti verba sunt: uri vinciri ferroque necari. Sen. Ep. 37. Of course another proof that such a man is a slave.

60. conscia: cf. I. 2. 130.

61. contractum, etc.: cf. Falstaff in the buck-basket, Merry Wives of Windsor.—estne mario, hasn't the husband. Therefore the gallant is a slave.

62. illa, etc.: she is the less guilty one of the two.

63. mutat, etc.: cf. vv. 53-55.—loco, in position.

64. cum, etc.: the reason why she is an unwilling partner.


66. evasti (old and colloquial form for evasisti), you have got off, i.e. we will suppose so.—credo: ironical, with the following.

67. quaeres, etc.: i.e. instead of that, you will only look for another opportunity to be a slave.

68. non sum, etc.: i.e. that is not my character; this argument does not apply to me. The answer is, “you want to be, only you don’t dare,” and this according to the Stoic doctrine was just as bad. Cf. Ep. I. 16. 53.

69. vaga, and run wild.

70. imperiiis, to the dictates (ablative).
tot tantisque minor, quem ter vindicta quaterque imposita haud umquam misera formidine privat?
Adde super, dictis quod non levius valeat: nam, sive vicarius est qui servo paret, uti mos vester ait, seu conservus, tibi quid sum ego? Nempe 80. tu, mihi qui imperitas, alii servis miser, atque duceris, ut nervis alienis mobile lignum.

Quisnam igitur liber? Sapiens, sibi qui imperiosus, quem neque pauperies, neque mors, neque vincula terrent, responsare cupidinibus, contemnere honores fortis, et in se ipso totus, teres, atque rotundus, externi ne quid valeat per leve morari, in quem manca ruit semper fortuna. Potesne ex his ut proprium quid noscere? Quinque talenta

76. minor, subject. Cf. Od. I. 12. 57. — vindicta: in the process of manumission per vindictam, a formal claimant asserted a right to the slave by striking him with a rod; the master abandoned his claim, and the pretor then declared him free. In the case of a slave to passion, such a process would be tried in vain; hence how much more a slave is he.

79. vicarius: a slave bought by another out of his peculium to take his place.
80. tibi, etc.: i.e. I am only a vicarius or conservus, and yet you pretend to be my master.
81. alii, i.e. to your passions.
82. alienis, in the hands of another. — mobile lignum, like a dancing puppet. Such automata were very familiar to the ancients.
83. quisnam, etc.: the argument follows the ordinary Stoic form. Cf. II. 3. 158; Cic. Parad. V. 1.

34, and I. 1. 19.—sapiens: of course in the technical sense the sage, the ideal perfect man of the Stoics.—sibi imperiosus: i.e. over whom no one but himself has an imperium.
84. pauperies, etc.: these evils being mere accidents independent of virtue, the solum bonum, of course have no effect on the truly wise man.
85. responsare, defy, depending on fortis.
86. totus, etc.: i.e. independent of all external influence; a familiar idea with the Stoics. Cf. Cic. Parad. II.; Tusc. Disp. V. 12. 36.—teres atque rotundus, etc.: the figure is of a smooth cylinder or globe, on which nothing can gain a foothold, as it offers no place of lodgement, as it were, for external accidents.
88. manca, powerless, crippled so as to do him no harm.
89. quinque, etc.: Davus answers his own question in the nega-
poscit te mulier, vexat foribusque repulsum
perfundit gelida, rursus vocat: eripe turpi
colla iugo. 'Liber, liber sum,' dic age! Non quis;
urget enim dominus mentem non lenis, et acris
subiectat lasso stimulos, versatque negantem.
Vel cum Pausiaca torpes, insane, tabella,
qui peccas minus atque ego, cum Fulvi Rutubaeque
aut Pacideiani contento poplite miror
proelia rubrica picta aut carbone, velut si
re vera pugnet, feriant, vitentque moventes
arma viri? Nequam et cessator Davus; at ipse
subtilis veterum iudex et callidus audis.
Nil ego, si ducor libo fumante: tibi ingens

tive by showing that Horace is the
slave of passion. The point is in
rursus vocat, wherein the lover is
assumed to be so vexed with his
mistress as to desire to break off
the connection, but is not sufficiently
master of himself to assert his free-
dom when she summons him again.
94. subiectat, etc., plies the spur;
i.e. like spurs. — versat: the same
figure of a restive horse.
95. Pausiaca, of Pausias, a
painter of Sicyon, remarkable for
his skill in foreshortening. There
was a famous painting of his in the
portico of Pompey. See Plin. N. H.
XXXV. 123 seq. — torpes, stand
dazed before, indicating a craze for
painting (cf. Ep. I. 6. 14, and stupet,
Sat. I. 4. 28). The point of the
reproach is that such a passion is
regarded by the Stoics as inconsis-
tent with the serious purpose of the
Sage (cf. Cic. Parad. 5. 2). — ta-
belia, a bit of a picture, with de-
preciation. Cf. the vivid descrip-
tion in v. 99.
96. peccas: i.e. when Davus
stops to look at the advertisements
of gladiatorial shows (cf. circus
posters) he is regarded (see v. 100)
as a worthless loiterer (cf. the mod-
er errand boy), of course a slavish
vice; why should not then Horace’s
admiration in a similar case be re-
garded as a slavish fault. — Fulvi,
etc.: gladiators.
97. contento, etc., standing on
tiptoe, as he looks at the pictures.
98. rubrica: such posters were
drawn on the walls. Some are
found in Pompeii, scratched in the
99. vitent, parry, though the
corresponding process with the an-
cestors was one of dodging (cf. elu-
dere).
100. Davus, sc. audit, from au-
dis, v. 101.
101. veterum, the old masters.—
callidus, a connoisseur.—audis,
cf. II. 6. 20.
102. nil: i.e. nequam, a good-
for-nothing, referring to the slavery
of the appetite. — libo: such dain-
ties were apparently for sale in full
view on the street, as at chestnut
stands or fruit stalls. — tibi ingens,
etc.: i.e. “are not you equally
greedy?”
virtus atque animus cenis responsat opinis?
Obsequium ventris mihi perniciosius est cur?
Tergo plector enim. Qui tu impunitior illa,
quae parvo sumi nequeunt, obsonia captas?
Nempe inamarescunt epulae sine fine petitae,
illusique pedes vitiosum ferre recusant
corpus. An hic peccat, sub noctem qui puer
furtiva mutat strigili; qui praedia vendit,
nil servile, gulae parents, habet?
Adde, quod idem non horam tecum esse
totes, non otia recte ponere, teque ipsum
vitas, fugitivus et erro,
iam vino quaerens, iam somno fallere curam:
frustra: nam comes atra premit sequiturque fugacem.

H. Vnde mihi lapidem?  D. Quorum est opus?

H. Vnde sagittas?
D. Aut insanit homo, aut versus facit.  H. Ocius hinc te
ni rapis, accedes opera agro nona Sabino!

104. perniciosius est cur: i.e. how, in fact, do I suffer for it more 
than you?
105. enim, to be sure, cf. quid enim, note to I. 1. 7.
106. nempe, why!
107. illus, failing you; properly, being deceived themselves as to
their powers. — vitiosum, unhealthy, from eating too much
108. qui, etc.: another servile vice, where the slave is led astray by
his appetite.
109. ponere, dispose of: i.e. employ to advantage. — fugitivus
et erro: another allusion to the faults of slaves.
111. unde mihi, etc.: Horace, to close the satire without forcing,
represents himself as enraged (cf. II. 3. 323), and stopping the dia-

tribe by a threat of punishment, which is of course an admission of
its truth. — lapidem: cf. II. 5. 102.
112. insanit: the allusion is to the other Stoic paradox, as in II. 3.
The suggestion of insanity is in the similarity of Horace's cry to that of
some insane person on the stage, so that Horace is either crazy himself
or writing a tragedy to represent Ajax or some similar person, which
is just as bad.  Cf. II. 3. 322.
113. accedes, etc.: i.e. you shall be sent into the country to work on
the farm, a common punishment of city slaves.  Cf. Plaut. Mostell. I.
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**VIII.**

*Horat.* Vt Nasidieni iuvit te cena beati?
Nam mihi quaerenti convivam dictus heri illic
de medio potare die. *Fundan.* Sic, ut mihi numquam
in vita fuerit melius. *H.* Da, si grave non est,
quaeram iratum ventrem placaverit esca.

*F.* In primis Lucanus aper; leni fuit Austro
captus, ut aiebat cenae pater; aceria circum
rapula, lactucae, radices, qualia lassum
pervellunt stomachum, siser, allec, faecula Coa.
His ubi sublatis puer alte cinctus acernam
gausape purpureo mensam pertersit, et alter

**Satire 8.** This satire is a report
made by Fundanius, one of Horace's
friends, of a dinner given by a mil-
liardaire of the time to Mæcenas and
some of his friends. Although the
host evidently is depicted as having
more money than brains, yet it is
not merely the ostentation of the
*parvenu* that is satirized, but the
misplaced diligence of the epicure
(cf. II. 2. and 4). Nor must we
suppose that every fact stated is to
be taken as ludicrous any more than
in *Sat.* II. 5. The piece is only a
narrative, of which parts are satiri-
cal, parts are humorous incident,
and parts again merely the neces-
sary detail to make a picture.

1. *Nasidieni* (four syllables): other-
wise unknown, and perhaps
only a fictitious name.—*beati,* the
millionaire.

2. nam: *i.e.* I ask, for I learned
you were there when I went to in-
vite you myself.

3. de medio: indulgence in the
pleasures of the table was indicated
by sitting down early rather than by
staying late as in modern times; cf.
tempestiva *convivia.*—*potare,* to
have been, etc. (Gr. 276. a).

4. fuerit melius, cf. *bene erat*
II. 2. 120.

5. prima: *i.e.* in the first course
(ferculum) exclusive of the *gus-
tatio.*—iratum, cf. *latrantem,* II.
2. 18.

6. leni, etc.: *i.e.* the excellence
of the viand depended on the
weather. This detail suggests an
excessive particularity in these matters.

7. cenae pater, (probably a jo-
cose variation on *pater* *familias*),
our respected host.—*circum:* *i.e.*
as a garnish. Cf. II. 4. 75.

8. allec: cf. II. 4. 73. Such stimu-
ulating condiments are especially
grateful in sluggish and bilious cli-
mates, and were much used by the
Roman epicures.

10. puer, etc.: these statements
seem to indicate a special elegance
of service.—*alte cinctus:* appar-
ently only a neatly dressed slave
(cf. v. 70).—*acernam:* the fine
tables of the ancients were made
either of choice specimens of wood
or of colored marble. Of course
there was here no table-cloth.

11. purpureo: a useless ele-
gance.—*alter:* a special slave, called
analecta.
sublegit quodcumque iaceret inutile quodque posset cenantis offendere, ut Attica virgo cum sacrīs Cereris procedit fuscus Hydaspes, Caecuba vina ferens, Alcon Chium maris expers. Hic erus: 'Albanum, Maecenas, sive Falernum te magis appositis delectat, habemus utrumque.' H. Divitias miseris! Sed quis cenantibus una, Fundani, pulchre fuerit tibi, nosse laboro.

F. Summus ego, et prope me Viscus Thurinus, etinfra, 20

13. Attica virgo: i.e. a Καυνόφηλος (cf. I. 3. 10), indicating a solemnity and dignity of demeanor suited to his august mission.

14. Hydaspes: i.e. an East Indian, a rare luxury.

15. Caecubax one of the finer wines, but not necessarily indicating any vulgar display (cf. Od. II. 14. 25).—Alcon: the mention of the name seems to indicate another rare slave, but whence brought is not known, perhaps from Greece. But a Greek slave would be no rarity (cf. Alcis, a German divinity).—Chium: the Greek wines were milder and sweeter than the Italian, and thus formed a contrast and gave variety.—maris expers, without sea-water, which was usually added to all but the very best Greek wines, as men drink Apollinaris with their wine nowadays. In summa gloria...fuere Thasium Chiamique...Nunc gratia ante omnia est Clazomenio postquam parcius mari condunt. Librum sponte sua naturae mare sapit. Plin. H. N. XIV. 7 (73). There is not necessarily anything of bad taste in the things served. The host gives his guests a choice between the hot but rich Italian wines and the sweet and mild but equally choice Chian, serving the last in its full strength and at the same time without the tang which the sea-water would have given it. If there is anything wrong in the whole matter, it is only the overstrained and anxious nicety of selection and service.

16. Albanum, etc.: here is apparently an overwrought anxiety to please the distinguished guest, but not necessarily intended as an ostentatious display, notwithstanding Horace's exclamation. He may merely mean that such resources cause a host to worry over the matter.


20. summus, etc.: the triclinium was arranged round three sides of a square, within which was the table, and the guests reclined three on a couch, thus:

1. Fundanius. 5. Vibidius.

si memini, Varius; cum Servilio Balatrone Vibidius, quas Maecenas adduxerat umbras; Nomentanus erat super ipsum, Porcius infra, ridiculus totas simul absorbere placentas; Nomentanus ad hoc, qui, si quid forte lateret, indice monstraret digito: nam cetera turba, nos, inquam, cenamus avis, conchylia, piscis, longe dissimilem noto celantia succum; ut vel continuo patuit, cum passeris atque ingustata mihi porrexerat ilia rhombi. Post hoc me docuit melimela rubere minorem ad lunam delecta. Quid hoc intersit, ab ipso audieris melius. Turn Vibidius Balatroni, 'Nos nisi damnose bibimus, moriemur inulti; ' et calices poscit maiores. Vertere pallor tum parochi faciem, nil sic metuentis ut acris potores, vel quod male dicunt liberius vel
couches were at a, b, c, the other places having only cushions.—Thurinus, of Thurii, and so probably not either of those in I. 10. 83.
23. Nomentanus was (as also Porcius) a parasite of the host. Here he takes the chief place partly because of the dulness of the host himself and partly to point out the choice things of the feast in case anything should escape notice.
25. ad hoc: cf. II. 1. 36.
26. nam: i.e. I speak of this information given, for the rest of us, except Nomentanus, were in the dark as to the viands, on account of the art used in their preparation.
29. ut, etc.: i.e. as I soon found out when he (the host) handed me something which, if not informed, I never should have recognized as the fishes mentioned, never having tasted the like before.
31. melimela rubere, etc., that the bright red apples were picked, etc.
32. quid hoc: probably originally quid was the subject in such cases, but idiomatically hoc must be regarded as the subject here, and quid as a kind of accusative adverb.
34. damnose, to his ruin, by their potations of his costly wine. —moriemur, etc.: i.e. being nauseated by the talk about eating, the guests humorously resolve to avenge themselves in the manner indicated.
36. parochi, our provider, jocosely for host.
37. maledicunt: i.e. produce free-spoken chaffing. Cf. I. 4. 89.
fervida quod subtile exsurdant vina palatum.
Invertunt Allifanis vinaria tota
Vibidius Balatroque, securis omnibus; imi
convivae lecti nihilum nocuere lagenis.

Affertur squillas inter murena natantis
in patina porrecta. Sub hoc erus 'Haec gravida,' inquit,
'capta est, deterior post partum carne futura.
His mixtum ius est: oleo quod prima Venafri
pressit cella; garo de sucis piscis Hiberi;
vino quinquenni, verum citra mare nato,
dum coquitur — cocto Chium sic convenit, ut non
hoc magis ullum aliud; — pipere albo, non sine aceto,
quod Methymnaeam vitio mutaverit uvam.
Eruca viridis, inulas ego primus amaras
monstravi incoquere; inlutos Curtillus echinos,
ut melius muria quod testa marina remittat.'
Interea suspensa gravis aulaea ruinas
in patinam fecere, trahentia pulveris atri
quantum non Aquilo Campanis excitat agris.

38. fervida, etc.: i.e. the wines would prevent the culinary skill from being appreciated.
40. imi lecti: i.e. the parasites who refrain on account of obsequiousness.
44. futura, it would be, etc., making a separate sentence in English.
45. prima: i.e. the oil first pressed, which would be the choicest.—Venafri: cf. II. 4. 69.
46. Hiberi: i.e. the scomber, or mackerel.
48. dum coquitur, while cooking.—cocto, after it is cooked, a different wine must be added. All these niceties are of the same kind as those in II. 4.
49. hoc: ablative after magis.
50. quod: lit. the vinegar, but properly the acid which turned the wine and spoiled it (vitio) by making it vinegar.
51. ego primus: cf. II. 4. 74. — incoquere, stew in the mixture.—inlutos: i.e. the sea-urchins soaked give a better juice than the ordinary fish brine. —Curtillus, another gourmet.
53. melius: a forced apposition to echinos, agreeing with (id) antecedent of quod.—testa: i.e. the echinus.
54. aulaea: apparently a canopy over the table. Cf. Od. III. 29. 15; Virg. Ἀen. 1. 697.
Nos maius veriti, postquam nihil esse pericli sensimus, erigimur: Rufus posito capite, ut si filius immaturus obisset, flere. \(\text{\textit{Quis esset}}\) tolleret: 'Heu, Fortuna, quis est crudelior in nos te deus? Vt semper gaudes illudere rebus humanis!' Varius mappa compescere risum vix poterat. Balatro suspendens omnia naso, 'Haec est condicio vivendi,' aiebat, 'eoque responsura tuo numquam est par fama labori. Tene, ut ego accipiar laute, torquerier omni sollicitudine districtum, ne panis adustus, ne male conditum ius apponatur, ut omnes praecincti recte puerci comptique ministrent! Adde hos praeterea casus, aulaea ruant si, ut modo; si patinam pede lapsus frangat agaso. Sed convivatoris, uti ducis, ingenium res adversae nudare solent, celare secundae.' Nasidienus ad haec: 'Tibi di quaecumque preceris commoda dent! Ita vir bonus es convivaque comis:' et soleas poscit. Tum in lecto quoque videres

57. maius: \textit{i.e.} a real danger, as of the fall of the ceiling or house.

58. erigimur, \textit{rally}. — Rufus: cognomen of Nasidienus. — \textit{posito capite}: \textit{i.e.} in despair, in a manner opposed to \textit{erigimur}.

59. esset: imperfect, referring to past time instead of the ordinary pluperfect (Gr. § 308. a). This is an extreme case of the usage, and hardly to be paralleled, and it may be therefore colloquial.

60. sapiens, \textit{like a philosopher}, perhaps with a shade of irony. The absurdity consisted in the parasite's treating the matter as an overwhelming calamity.

64. suspendens, etc., \textit{always a scornful cynic}, which agrees with his contemptuous irony. Cf. I. 6. 5.

66. tene, etc.: cf. Ter. \textit{Phorm. II}. 2. 25, a passage which Balatro must have had in his mind.

72. agaso: \textit{i.e.} a clumsy slave, fit only for the stable.

74. nudare: \textit{i.e.} only serve to reveal the genius which in success might be undiscovered.

75. tibi di, etc.: the host evidently takes the jest in earnest.

77. soleas poscit: \textit{i.e.} to go and order the continuance of the banquet. The shoes were taken off upon reclining.
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viii. 57-92.

stridere secreta divisos aure susurros.

H. Nullos his mallem ludos spectasse; sed illa redde, age, quae deinceps risisti. F. Vibidius dum quae
erit de pueris, num sit quoque fracta lagena, quod sibi poscenti non dantur pocula, dumque ridetur fictis rerum Balatrone secundo, Nasidiene, redis mutatae frontis, ut arte emendaturus fortunam; deinde secuti mazonomo pueri magnos discerpta ferentes membra gruis sparsi sale multo, non sine farre, pinguibus et fictis pastum iecur anseris albae, et leporum avolsos, ut molto suavius, armos, quam si cum lumbis quis edit. Tum pectore adusto vidimus et merulas poni et sine clune palumbes, suavis res, si non causas narraret earum et

78. divisos, exchanged, uttered now to this side, now to that (cf. Od. I. 15. 15). — secreta aure: privately in the ear of one's neighbor, i.e. they put their heads together and whisper.

79. ludos: referring as well to the sport on this occasion as to public amusements in general. Cf. the English, "as good as a play."


80. deinceps, next.

81. quoque: i.e. as well as whatever the hangings fell on.

83. ridetur: of course impersonal. — fictis rerum (cf. II. 2. 25), pretended jests, invented to cover their laughter at Nasidienus.

84. Nasidiene: in a style of apostrophe suggestive of Epic poetry. — mutatae frontis, with a changed bearing; recovered from his despair, and resolved to triumph over fortune by resolute endeavor.


88. iecur: cf. the modern pâté de foie gras. — anseris albae: a female and white, both details made much of by the host, as of course these would not appear in the liver.

89. armos: cf. II. 4. 44.

90. edit: probably subjunctive. — adusto: apparently broiled. There is no reason to think of any want of excellence in the cooking.

91. sine clune: doubtless a fine touch. Cf., for a different fashion, Gell. 15. 8.

92. suavis res, choice viands enough. In strict grammar we should have quae suaves res essent si, but here the res is put in apposition without a verb, and the sentence proceeds as if the verb had been used.

92. causas, etc.: i.e. the dinner is spoiled by the details, because
naturas dominus; quem nos sic fugimus ulti,
ut nihil omnino gustaremus, velut illis
Canidia afflasset peior serpentibus Afris.

minutiae of the art of the cuisine are disgusting to the guests.

93. ulti: *i.e.* when the host is so devoted to the culinary art, and so proud of his dinners, the worst they can do to him is to refuse to enjoy his viands.

INTRODUCTION.

The Epistles belong, as well as the Satires, to Horace's *Musa pedestris*. They are, like them, conversational moral or literary essays (*Sermones*; cf. II. i. 250), of which the topics are suggested by current events or occasional moods and relations. They were not, however, called *Sermones* by the ancients, nor do they have that title in the manuscripts, but have always been called *Epistulae*. They differ from the Satires in being connected in some manner with some particular person to whom each is addressed. They are not, to be sure, letters like those of Cicero and Pliny, originally intended for private reading and afterwards collected and published. They were from the first intended for the public. But it must be remembered that publication in ancient times was a different matter from what it is nowadays. The author sent his manuscript to be read and copied, and it would be put on sale if it was found to be popular. The only difference between these letters and other compositions was probably that these were first sent to the person addressed and afterwards copied by his permission. They were written after Horace's fame became established, so that any person was honored by being associated with one of his compositions. But the association is not merely one of dedication. Each one seems to have been suggested by some condition of mind, trait of character, or temporary situation of the person addressed. So that there is something personal and intimate in the tone and matter of each of them. The date of their composition is not exactly fixed except in a few cases, but they belong to the latter part of the poet's life (see I. 3; I. 20), about B.C. 20–12, later than any other of his works, except some
occasional Odes and the *Carmen Saeculare*. They consequently have a less acrid tone, giving evidence of a mellower and more philosophical way of thinking, and dwell particularly upon ethical subjects, treating them more in the style of common-places and with less personal attack than in the Satires.

The second book is entirely devoted to the discussion of literary topics, and is probably the last of the poet's works. It seems to have been begun at the request of Augustus, and lacks something of the spontaneity of the other works. It is chiefly interesting as giving Horace's personal views on poetic composition, and has always been looked upon as containing the ultimate canons of poetic art.
Prima dicte mihi, summa dicende Camena, spectatum satis et donatum iam rude quaeris, Maecenas, iterum antiquo me includere ludo. Non eadem est aetas, non mens. Veianius, armis Herculis ad postem fixis, latet abditus agro,

Epistle I. Addressed to Maecenas in answer to a request of his to try again the lyric poetry, which no doubt to Horace's contemporaries seemed his best form of composition. Horace explains the motives of his refusal by extolling the pursuit of philosophy in which he is now engaged.

Verse I. prima, etc.: a form of expression first found in Homer, II. IX. 97, and imitated with variations by many writers after him. Cf. Virg. Ecl. VIII. 11, and Hor. Od. III. 6. 6. — Camena: the proper Latin name of the goddesses of inspired song, the Greek Μοῦσαι. The construction is a loose one of means.

2. spectatum, etc.: as is often done in Latin and Greek, instead of using a figure or simile, the poet identifies the real object with that to which it is compared. Here Horace compares himself to a gladiator of approved (spectatum) valor who, by the favor of the people, has been relieved from the necessity of appearing again. To force such a one into the arena anew would be rather unjust. — rude, wooden sword. With this emblem, as a symbol of bloodless exercise, the gladiator was presented when discharged.

3. ludo, quarters, the ludus gladiatorius, but with a play, no doubt, on the word, referring to the lighter and more frivolous poetry of his youth.

4. Veianius: a retired gladiator of the kind mentioned.

5. Herculis: the patron god of athletes and gladiators. — ad postem, etc.: the arms had been dedicated to the god upon the abandonment of the profession, as was customary with the ancients. Cf. Od. III. 26. 4. — latet, buries himself; i.e. retires to a country life.
ne populum extrema totiens exoret harena.
Est mihi purgatam crebro qui personet aurem:
'Solve senescentem mature sanus equum, ne
peccet ad extremum ridendus et ilia ducat!'
Nunc itaque et versus et cetera ludicra pono;
quid verum atque decens curo et rogo et omnis in hoc
sum;
condo et compono quae mox depromere possim.
Ac ne forte roges quo me duce, quo lare tuter:
nullius addictus iurare in verba magistri,
quo me cumque rapit tempestas, deferor hospes.

6. ne . . . exoret, that he may
not have to appeal, etc., as he would,
if he voluntarily continued to fight
(cf. Quint. Decl. 302). This, no
doubt, many did to win glory and
the favor of the people.—extrema
. . . harena: i.e. near the spectators.
—totiens, so many times again, i.e.
as he had before, in order to win
the privilege of retirement.

7. est . . . qui, there is a voice
which.—purgatam, listening, lit.
freed from all impediments to hearing,
such as in a figurative sense ambition and vanity would be.

8. solve, turn out, lit. unharness
(from the racing chariot).—mature,
betimes.—ridendus, ridicu-
lously.—ilia ducat, pant with broken
III. 507; ilia pulsare, Æn. IX. 413;
anhelitum ducere, Ovid. Met. VII.
555; and the common spiritum
ducere.

10. itaque: i.e. in consequence
of the voice of wisdom just referred to.
—ludicra, youthful follies,
among which Horace includes
poetry.

11. verum: i.e. sound in philoso-
phy, true as a guide of life. Cf. II.
2. 144.—decens, honestum: τὸ
πρῶτον, the Stoic equivalent for
virtue.—curo, study (by himself).—

15. tempestas, the weather, i.e.
he drifts without any definite aim,
Nunc agilis fio et mersor civilibus undis, 
virtutis verae custos rigidusque satelles; 
nunc in Aristippi furtim praeeptcta relabor, 
et mihi res, non me rebus, subiungere conor. 
Vt nox longa quibus mentitur amica, diesque 
longa videtur opus debentibus, ut piger annus 
pupillis quos dura premit custodia matrum,

making himself a guest or sojourner, 
not a permanent citizen, in whatever school he happens to find himself (Cic. Tusc. IV. 47). — deferor: the technical word for being driven to port or to land. Cf. Cic. Acad. II. 3. 8.

16. nunc, etc.: in the regular Horatian manner he gives an example of his course of conduct. — agilis: it was a special principle of the Stoics, in opposition to the Epicureans, to engage in active civil life as members of the body politic. Cf. Cic. de Off. I. 7. 22, and de Fin. III. 20. 67. — civilibus undis, the tide of civil life.

17. verae: as the only true guide of life, the highest and only good. — custos, a champion. — rigidus, strict, in accordance with the unbending character of the Stoic doctrines. The whole means, “now I become a conscientious Stoic,” and sacrifice myself to my public duties.

18. Aristippi: i.e. now I fall into the opposite extreme of self-indulgence, and endeavor to harmonize philosophy and inclination. Aristippus of Cyrene (380 B.C.) was the most worldly of the followers of Socrates, and originated the Hedonic school, whose ethical principles were afterwards adopted by the Epicureans. He is put here as the opposite extreme from the Stoics, inasmuch as he made the enjoyment of the senses the summum bonum or ultimate motive to action (“the chief end of man”), — furtim, imperceptibly. — relabor: the passage from the altruism of the Stoics to the egotism of Aristippus is regarded as a falling back.

19. et mihi res, etc.: this is opposed directly to agilis, etc., in so far as the conscientious citizen is hampered by his duties (me rebus subiungere) as much as the thoughtless man by his desires. But the verse contains also a summary of the doctrine of Aristippus, whose principle was to enjoy everything in life without becoming a slave to any desire or duty. Thus the poet represents himself (probably with truth) as insensibly relaxing his zeal in the performance of civil duties, and giving himself up to enjoyment and self-culture. Cf. Ep. I. 16 and 17.

21. ut. . . . videtur sic . . . fluctunt: i.e. as philosophy is my chief concern, I am impatient of everything that hinders me in the pursuit of it. This is at the same time an expression of unwillingness to be diverted by poetry, and of discontent at the obstacles to becoming a real philosopher. — opus debentibus: i.e. the hireling by the day. — piger annus: because he is in haste to become of age, and be free from restraint.

22. pupillis: indicating that they are orphans and under age. — custodia matrum: not as wards, but merely under control on account of their age.
sic mihi tarda fluunt ingrataque tempora, quae spem consiliumque morantur agendi gnaverit id quod aeque pauperibus prodest, locupletibus aeque, \( \text{aeque neglectum pueris senibusque nocebit.} \)

Restat ut his ego me ipse regam solerque elementis. Non possis oculo quantum contendere Lynceus, non tamen idcirco contemnas lippus inungi; nec, quia desperes invicti membra Glyconis, nodosa corpus nolis prohibere cheragra.

\( \text{Est quadam prodire tenus, si non datur ultra.} \)

Fervet avaritia miserdeque cupidine pectus: sunt verba et voces, quibus hunc lenire dolorem possis et magnum morbi deponere partem. Laudis amore tumes: sunt certa piacula, quae te

23. spem: \( i.e. \) the fulfilment of his hope. — consilium: \( i.e. \) the accomplishment of his purpose.
27. restat: \( i.e. \) not being able to become a real philosopher (cf. v. 20 seq.), the poet can only do the best he can with the slight acquisitions that he can make (cf. v. 12). — his: \( i.e. \) these few that I can get. — me regam, direct 'my life.' — soler, solace its ills, the main object of philosophy since the third century B.C.
28. non possis, though you may not be able, concessive (or possibly conditional). — quantum contendere, see as far as, lit. reach, with the accusative of extent of space. — Lynceus: cf. Sat. I. 2. 90.
29. lippus, for weak eyes, lit. having weak eyes. — inungi, to use eye-salve.
30. desperes: a subjunctive of condition, such as is usual with the indefinite second person, the whole being a supposed case. — Glyconis: evidently an athlete.
31. corpus prohibere cheragra (cf. Sat. II. 7. 15): with verbs of repelling, removing, and the like, either the thing kept off or that from which it is kept may take the prominent position and be in the accusative, with the other in the ablative (cf. I. 8. 10).
32. est quadam, etc.: \( i.e. \) improvement to a certain extent is possible, even if perfection as a sage is unattainable.
33. fervet, is in a fever, an instance of the preceding; a condition without the conditional form, as in English. — cupidine, covetousness.
34. verba, magic words, alluding to formulæ used for medical purposes in ancient times (cf. Odys. XIX. 457, and Cato R. R. 160), but referring to the precepts of philosophy. — voces, accents, alluding to the tones and manner in which such magical formulæ were recited, but not different in real meaning from verba.
35. morbi: vices are here, as usual, regarded as diseases.
36. laudis amore: \( i.e. \) ambition. — piacula: as philosophy is before
ter pure lecto poterunt recreare libello. Invidus, iracundus, iners, vinosus, amator, nemo adeo ferus est ut non mitescere possit, si modo culturae patientem commodet aurem. Virtus est vitium fugere, et sapientia prima stultitia caruisse. Vides quae maxima credis esse mala, exiguum censum turpemque repulsam, quanto devites animi capitisque labore; impiger extremos curris mercator ad Indos, per mare pauperiem fugiens, per saxa, per ignis: ne cures ea, quae stulte miraris et optas, discere, et audire, et meliori credere non vis?

compared to the healing art, so it is here compared to the expiations through which disease, especially madness, as proceeding from divine displeasure could be cured. Cf. the example of Orestes.

37. ter: the element of magic (in the number three) was present even in religion (cf. Tib. I. 2. 54). — pure: alluding to the religious cleansing necessary in ancient observances, but referring, of course, to moral purpose, the cleansing of the soul. — libello: indicating a religious ritual, to which the moral precepts are compared.

38. invidus, etc.: in a kind of partitive apposition with nemo.

39. ferus, etc.: the figure here varies between a wild animal and a rough farm, though both figures are so common as hardly to be considered as figures at all.

41. virtus est, etc.: a continuation of the same general argument that a beginning in the practice of philosophy is worth an effort even though one may not be a finished philosopher. This is, of course, contrary to the Stoic dogmas, but fits well with less strict doctrines.

42. caruisse: the perfect is probably chosen for the metre, but it differs from the present, meaning to have refrained from some act of folly by some special effort such as is referred to in the following.

43. censum: cf. Sat. II. 1. 75. — repulsam, rejection by the citizens at the polls, of course the greatest misfortune to the ambitious Roman, whose success in life depended upon the cursus honorum.

44. animi: i.e. anxiety of mind. — capitis: i.e. peril of life. Cf. v. 45.

45. impiger, tireless, an example of activity in the race for wealth.

46. fugiens: really pursuing wealth, but made more vivid by being put in the form of a flight from poverty. — per saxa, etc.: proverbial expressions for danger, as we say, "through fire and water."

47. ne cures, etc.: if you are willing to undergo such trials in the pursuit of wealth, how much rather should you be willing to take a little trouble in gaining the same end by extinguishing desire. And this is effected by philosophy, whereby a far nobler prize is won.

48. meliori, a wiser teacher (than yourself), i.e. the philosopher.
Quis circum pagos et circum compita pugnax magna coronari contemnat Olympia, cui spes, cui sit condicio dulcis sine pulvere palmae? Vilius argentum est auro, virtutibus aurum.

'O cives, cives, quaerenda pecunia primum est, virtus post nummos.' Haec Ianus summus ab imo prodocet, haec recinunt iuvenes dictata senesque, laevo suspensi loculos tabulamque lacerto. Est animus tibi, sunt mores et lingua fidesque, sed quadringentis sex septem milia desunt: plebs eris. At pueri ludentes, 'Rex eris,' aiunt,

49. circum pagos, etc.: the person indicated is some local champion, who fights at the insignificant festivals in the country. Such a one would of course wish to gain the prize at the great Olympic games as champion of the world if he could do so without the trouble of working for it. In the same measure is freedom from desire superior to worldly success (cf. v. 53), and this freedom can be got without the toil of worldly ambition.

52. vilius, etc.: i.e. as gold is more precious than silver, so is virtue than gold.

53. O cives, etc.: i.e. but the world thinks differently, and is bent on securing money first, wherein it shows its folly, as the poet proceeds to demonstrate.

54. Ianus, etc.: there seem to have been three arches in the Forum, around which the most important money affairs were transacted, so that the expression is equivalent to the whole Stock Exchange, or all Wall Street in modern times. We may translate, "the whole Forum from the upper to the lower Ianus."

55. prodocet, preaches, i.e. propagates the doctrine. — dictata: i.e. given them as a lesson which they thus learn and repeat, a method of instruction very common, as it would seem, in ancient times. Cf. Sat. I. 10. 75. — senesque: i.e. young and old go alike to that school.

56. laevo, etc.: this line is doubtful, and seems to have crept in from the margin, where some scholar had put it as a parallel passage from Sat. I. 6. 74. Still it is possible that Horace meant to emphasize the idea that all ages are scholars alike to learn this all-important lesson.

57. est animus, etc.: an illustration of the degree to which the supremacy of wealth is recognized, being embodied even in the constitution of the state. — tibi: a supposed case. — mores, character, for good character, just as we use that word. — lingua, eloquence, one of the highest recommendations among the Romans.

58. quadringentis: the 400,000 sesterces ($20,000) required for the equestrian census.

59. plebs: i.e. not an eques. — ludentes, at their play. — rex eris, etc.: the rest of the trochaic verse here quoted is given by Isidore (Origg. IX. 3, 4), si non faciet non
‘si recte facies.’ Hic murus aeneus esto, nil conscire sibi, nulla pallescere culpa. Roscia, dic sodes, melior lex, an puerorum est nenia, quae regnum recte facientibus offert, et maribus Curiiis et decantata Camillis? Isne tibi melius suadet qui rem facias, rem, si possis, recte, si non, quocumque modo rem, ut propius spectes lacrimosa poemata Pupi, an qui fortunae te responsare superbae liberum et erectum praesens hortatur et aptat? Quod si me populus Romanus forte roget, cur

erit. The whole may have had originally a serious meaning, though fallen in time to a mere singsong of children at play. The precise game in which it was used is not certain, but see Plato Theaet. 146. A.

60. hic murus, etc.: the tone of this sentiment is so different from the preceding, that many editors have rejected it as an interpolation; and, in fact, it is almost impossible to justify the connection. Still the two parts may have belonged to the same song in Horace’s time, though originating at different times. It is also difficult to reconstruct v. 60 without the suspected words. Perhaps Horace gives the words as his own interpretation of the supposed deeper meaning of the song. The whole of the last part belongs among the commonplaces of philosophy. Cf. Sen. Ep. IX. 3. 19; Cic. Parad. IV. 1.

62. Roscia: cf. Sat. I. 6. 40. — melior: i.e. sounder, for the law has a lower standard than the song, as making precedence depend on wealth.

63. nenia, old song, a word used of any often-repeated or rude song, perhaps originally spinning song (?), as it was especially sung by women.

64. maribus, sturdy, free from the effeminating influences of later times. — Curiiis, etc.: i.e. such as the old worthies used to repeat, implying that the heroes were brought up on it and acted accordingly.

67. propius: see v. 62. — lacrimosa: used disparagingly of tragedy, as we might say, “the mournful play of Kotzebue,” or “the tearful Stranger.” — Pupi: a tragedian, (perhaps deservedly) unknown.

68. fortunae: cf. Sat. II. 7. 88. — responsare: cf. Sat. II. 7. 85 and 103. — superbae, arrogant, as lording it over mankind, and expecting them to yield to her power. Hence the resistance of the wise man is more praiseworthy.

69. hortatur: by his precepts. — aptat: by the strength gained by following the precepts.

70. quod si, etc.: an answer to an imaginary objector who asks the poet why he does not follow the principles of his neighbors and countrymen among whom he lives. As he does not withdraw himself from their society, why should he refuse to agree with them? The answer is contained in allegorical form in v. 74 seq., and continued in v. 76 seq.
non, ut porticibus, sic iudiciis fruar isdem, nec sequar aut fugiam quae diligit ipse vel odit, olim quod volpes aegroto cauta leoni respondit referam: 'Quia me vestigia terrent, omnia te adversum spectantia, nulla retrorsum.' Belua multorum es capitum. Nam quid sequar aut quem?

Pars hominum gestit conducere publica; sunt qui crustis et pomis viduas venentur avaras, excipientque senes quos in vivaria mittant; multis occulto crescit res faenore. Verum esto aliis alios rebus studiisque teneri: idem eadem possunt horam durare probantes? 'Nullus in orbe sinus Baiis praelucet amoenis'

71. porticibus: the common lounging-places of the Romans, and the most frequent place for meeting one's friends and acquaintances.
72. sequar et fugiam: almost technical words in regard to the objects of desire and avoidance.
73. volpes: cf. Lucilius (Müller) XXX. 84 seq.; —

Deducta tunc voce leo, cur tu ipsa venire Non vis huc...? Quid sibi volt, quare fit, ut introvorsus et ad te Spectent atque ferant vestigia se omnia prosus?

The fable is a famous one of Æsop. Of course the poet means that all are swallowed up by this greed of gain, and no one is ever found to return to a natural life.

76. belua, etc.: i.e. and then again, you are so diverse and inconsistent with yourselves. This seems really only a quibble, for he might easily follow the principles of the crowd, and select his own method of carrying them out. But the moral lesson loses nothing by that. The

figure in multorum capitum is an old and familiar one. Cf. Plato Rep. IX. 12.

77. pars, etc.: examples of the ruling passion of different men in the pursuit of wealth.—publica: the most extensive use of money in Rome, analogous to our great railroad enterprises, was in the purchase of government contracts, either for the collection of the revenue, or for jobs of various kinds for the state.

78. crustis, etc.: cf. Sat. II. 5. 12.—vivaria: cf. Sat. II. 5. 44.
80. occulto: because usury was prohibited at Rome.
81. esto, etc.: i.e. to waive that point, allow different persons to adopt different means of making a fortune, if you will.
82. idem eadem: i.e. they have no fixed purposes that can last an hour at a time; they are too vacillating to follow as guides.
83. Baiis: this was the favorite watering-place of Rome, and filled with fine villas of the nabobs of the time.
si dixit dives, lacus et mare sentit amorem festinantis eri; cui si vitiosa libido fecerit auspicium, 'Cras ferramenta Teanum tolletis, fabri.' Lectus genialis in aula est: nil ait esse prius, melius nil caelibe vita: si non est, iurat bene solis esse maritis. Quo teneam voltus mutantem Protea nodo? Quid pauper? Ride: mutat cenacula, lectos, balnea, tonsores, conducto navigio aeque nauseat ac locuples quem ducit priva triremis.

Si curatus inaequali tonsore capillos occurri, rides; si forte subucula pexae trita subest tunicae vel si toga dissidet impar, rides: 'quid, mea cum pugnat sententia secum, quod petiit spernit, repetit quod nuper omisit,

84. lacus et mare: the edifices were built far out into the Lucrine Lake and the sea. Cf. Od. II. 15.3.
85. vitiosa: morbid, as having no sound reason. — libido, caprice, mere fancy.
86. fecerit auspicium, give the word, as if the dictates of a morbid fancy were a divine command. — Teanum: another favorite place for villas, an inland city of Campania, whither in his caprice the nabob suddenly changes the site of his proposed country seat.
87. lectus genialis, the symbolic marriage couch, retained in the atrium long after the private apartments had been withdrawn to the back of the house.
91. pauper, etc.: nor is this indulgence of whims confined to the rich; the poor man also changes his lodgings, furniture, and barber, and, if yachting is in fashion, hires a craft, and can be as seasick as ever a lord is in his sea-going yacht. — cenacula: from meaning dining-rooms, this word came to be used of all the upper parts of a house, which were usually let for lodgings.
93. triremis: properly a war-galley, but used here of the rich man's yacht on account of its size (three-decker?).
94. si curatus, etc.: to show the universality of this want of settled purpose, the poet says that the indications of it excite no remark even from your friends who are interested in your welfare, whereas the slightest disorder in your apparel would raise a laugh at once. — inaequali: i.e. irregularly, the description being transferred to the barber himself. — tonsore: treated as a kind of means, not as an agent with ab.
95. subucula: an under-tunic, worn next the skin.
96. impar, uneven on the two sides. The toga, though a loose robe, was put on with the greatest care.
97. mea, etc.: i.e. moral incongruity does not excite even a laugh.
aestuat et vitae disadvenit ordine toto, diruit, aedificat, mutat quadrata rotundis?
Insanire putas sollemnia me neque rides, nec medici credis nec curatoris egere a praetore dati, rerum tutela mearum cum sis et prave sectum stomacheris ob unguem de te pendentis, te respicientis amici.
Ad summam: sapiens uno minor est Iove, dives, liber, honoratus, pulcher, rex denique regum, praecipue sanus, nisi cum pituita molesta est.

99. aestuat, vacillates, like the ebb and flow of the tide. — ordine, course, the ablative of respect.
100. quadrata, etc.: i.e. in his buildings he substitutes round for square forms.
102. nec medici, etc.: still less do you (as you ought, if you had the true view of wisdom) regard all this caprice as an evidence of madness. — medici: see A. & G. § 243 f. — curatoris: as if done in modern times, insane persons had a guardian appointed by the court. Cf. Sat. II. 3. 218.
103. tutela: equivalent to tutor, the abstract for the concrete.
104. prave sectum, etc.: these words repeat in a brief and pungent form the same idea which is expressed in v. 84.
105. respicientis: i.e. looking to you for counsel and direction. Thus it would be the duty of Mecenas, if he were wise, to warn Horace, a thing he would not fail to do in case of any error in apparel.
106. ad summam, etc.: the poet sums up the advantages of philosophy half jestingly in Stoic phrase (cf. Sat. I. 3. 125). Cf. Cic. de Fin. III. 22. 76: —
Quod si ita est ut neque quisquam nisi bonus vir et omnes boni beati sint quid philosophia magis colendum aut quid est virtute divinius?
108. nisi cum pituita, etc.: Horace cannot forbear deriding the Stoic dogma even while using it, and so he closes in his customary manner with a jest, a play upon sanus. This is naturally to be taken in a moral sense, but it is followed by an exception of a mere physical annoyance, just as we might speak of the toothache. It is as if he said, a philosopher is superior to all the ills of life, unless he happens to have the hay fever (the kind of malady to which pituita refers). We have in one of the graffiti at Pompeii a complaint of such a sufferer: pituita me tenet, a cry of the heart preserved for all time in a scratch on plaster.
II.

Troiani belli scriptorem, maxime Lolli, dum tu declamas Romae, Praeneste legi; qui quid sit pulchrum, quid turpe, quid utile, quid non, plenius ac melius Chrysippo et Crantore dicit. Cur ita crediderim, nisi quid te distinet, audi. Fabula, qua Paridis propter narratur amorem Graecia barbariae lento collisa duello, stultorum regum et populorum continet aestus. Antenor censet belli praecidere causam:

EPISTLE 2. This epistle, again, is an exhortation to the study of philosophy, but of philosophy as drawn from the practical examples given in the Iliad and Odyssey. It is apparently addressed to a young man not yet devoted to philosophy, and seeks to win him to that pursuit by showing what moral lessons can be got from literature apart from the abstruse discussions of the sages. Which of several Lollii, of whom we have accounts, this one was, and even whether he is the same who is addressed in I. 18, is uncertain. A Lollius also appears in Od. IV. 9.

1. maxime: probably half in jest in allusion to his aspirations and promise (flower of the house of Lollius, or the like).

2. declamas: the technical word for the exercises practised in the study of oratory. — Praeneste: one of the favorite retiring places or country resorts of the Romans.

3. pulchrum: τὸ καλὸν, τὸ πρέπον, in a technical sense for virtuous conduct. — turpe: τὸ αἰσχρόν, the opposite. — utile: χρηστὸν, advantageous, a worthy object of desire from a moral point of view. — quid non: ἄχρηστον, injurious.


5. distinct: properly, “distracts your attention,” meaning, keeps you busy, and prevents you from giving attention to philosophy.

7. barbariae: i.e. Asia, as a foreign country to the Greeks.

8. stultorum: and hence examples of the opposite of sapientia. — aestus, disordered passions, with an allusion to the philosophical idea of fever or other unsoundness in the passions.

9. Antenor: an example of a philosopher to whom Paris refuses to listen. — praecidere: depending on censet used in the sense of a verb of commanding. For the reference, cf. II. VII. 347 seq. Livy also refers to the same story, I. 1.
quid Paris? Vt salvus regnet vivatque beatus cogi posse negat. Nestor componere litis inter Peliden festinat et inter Atriden; hunc amor, ira quidem communiter urit utrumque. Quicquid delirant reges, plectuntur Achivi. Seditione, dolis, scelere, atque libidine et ira, Iliacos intra muros peccatur et extra. Rursus, quid virtus et quid sapientia possit, utile proposuit nobis exemplar Vlixen; qui, domitor Troiae, multorum providus urbes et mores hominum inspexit, latumque per aequor, dum sibi, dum sociis reditum parat, aspera multa pertulit, adversis rerumimmersabilis undis. Sirenum voces et Circae pocula nosti; quae si cum sociis stultus cupidusque bibisset, sub domina meretrice fuisset turpis et excors vixisset canis immundus vel amica luto sus. Nos numeros sumus et fruges consumere nati,
sponsi Penelopae, nebulones, Alcinoique
in cute curanda plus aequo operata iuventus,
cui pulchrum fuit in medios dormire dies et
ad strepitum citharae cessantem ducere somnum.

Vt iugulent hominem, surgunt de nocte latrones;
ut te ipsum serves, non expergisceris? Atqui
si noles sanus, curres hydricus; et ni
posces ante diem librum cum lumine, si non
intendes animum studiis et rebus honestis,
invidia vel amore vigil torquerebe. Nam cur
quae laedunt oculum festinas demere; si quid
est animum, differs curandi tempus in annum?
Dimidium facti qui coepit habet: sapere aude:

found in the self-indulgent Phae-
cians (Odys. VIII. 11), or in the
riottoous suitors of Penelope (Odys.
II. 74 et al.) — numeros (as kpi-
mos in Greek), mere ciphers, per-
sons of no significance except to
swell the number of mankind.—
fruges, etc.: doubtless proverbial
persons good for nothing else. —
consumere: poetic (and collo-
quial?) for ad consumendas.
29. cute curanda: see Sat. II.
5. 38.
30. pulchrum: i.e. their only
ambition. Cf. pulchrum, v. 3.
31. ad strepitum: cf. Od. III.
1. 20. — cessantem, reluctant, that
does not come when desired on
account of the want of natural fatigue.
Cf. Sat. II. 2. 80. (Another reading,
cessatum . . . curam, is approved
by many editors.)
32. ut iugulent, etc.: the de-
scription of a self-indulgent life nat-
urally leads to an exhortation to end
it, and devote one’s self to the study
of philosophy as a defence against
it.—surgunt: i.e. if cut-throats are
willing to rise early to take life, how
much more should one rise early to
save his own, and this rising early
is a beginning of strenuous resis-
tance to self-indulgence.
33. expergisceris: present for
future, as in the language of com-
edy. — atqui: as if the answer had
been in the negative, the poet pro-
ceeds to argue the point, hence the
adversative.
34. noles sanus: i.e. if you won’t
take exercise (another effort against
self-indulgence) while in good
health, you will be obliged to do so
under the advice of your physician
when you have become dropsical
through your sloth. Cf. Multum
ambulantum, currendum alicuid,
Celsus, III. 21.
35. posces, etc.: if you won’t
wake and fortify yourself against
passion by the study of philosophy,
your passions will keep you awake
all night by and by.
37. nam cur, etc.: i.e. you take
instant measures against bodily ills;
why do you postpone the cure of
moral affections?
40. dimidium, etc.: an old prov-
erb. ἀρχῇ γὰρ λέγεται μὲν ἡμου
παρθε, κτλ. Plato de Legg. VI.
(cf. the sentiment of Ep. I. 1, 28).
—aude: have the courage, i.e. to
incipe. Qui recte vivendi prorogat horam, rusticus exspectat dum defluat amnis; at ille labitur et labetur in omne volubilis aevum. Quaeritur argentum puerisque beata creandis uxor et incultae pacantur vomere silvae. Quod satis est cui contingit, nihil amplius optet. Non domus et fundus non aeris acervus et auri aegroto domini deduxit corpore febris, non animo curas. Valeat possessor oportet, si comportatis rebus bene cogit uti. Qui cupit aut metuit, iuvat illum sic domus et res, ut lippum pictae tabulae, fomenta podagram, auriculas citharae collecta sorde dolentes. Sincerum est nisi vas, quodcumque infundis acescit.

withstand temptation, not in reference to any risk, but merely to the pain of self-denial.

42. rusticus, is like the country-men who (cf. I. 1. 2, note), referring to some well-known story.

44. quaeritur, etc.: we keep on seeking to get more of the good things of life without paying attention to our moral state, whereas true philosophy would teach us that moral health is the first thing which would make all our desired good things unnecessary and without which we cannot enjoy them at all. — argentum: put for wealth generally. — pueris creandis: i.e. to found a family to preserve our estates and our memory after death, an object of ambition not sanctioned by philosophy. — beata, rich, to increase our wealth by her dowry, and by uniting families to establish an illustrious house.

45. pacantur, etc.: i.e. we enlarge our landed estates. All these things are the objects of worldly ambition which become nought in the eyes of the contented (quod satis est, etc.) sage.

47. non domus, etc.: a familiar idea with Horace, cf. Od. III. 1. 41 seqq. The real force, however, is in the non animo curas, "they will not do the one any more than the other." Cf. neque... nec, Od. III. 5. 27.

48. deduxit: the so-called gnomic aoristic perfect, "they never did, and so presumably they never will."

49. valeat: in reference to both the bodily and the mental ills just spoken of, but of course particularly to the latter. The same comparison, almost confusion, of bodily and moral unsoundness is continued in the next verses.

50. cogitat, expects, like the dialectic "calculates."

51. cupid aut metuit: referring to moral diseases, πάθη, passions.

52. fomenta: hot water applications used by the ancients for pleasurable indulgence, but in this case the deep-seated disease prevents any enjoyment.

54. sincerum, etc.: i.e. pleasure offered to a soul disturbed by passion is spoiled.
Sperne voluptates; nocet empta dolore voluptas.  
Semper avarus eget; certum voto pete finem.  
Invidus alterius macrescit rebus optimis;  
invidia Siculi non invenere tyranni  
maius tormentum.  
Qui non moderabitur irae,  
infestum volet esse dolor quod suaserit et mens,  
dum poenas odio per vim festinat inuldo.  
Ira furor brevis est:  
animum regis, qui nisi paret,  
imperat; hunc frenis, hunc tu compesce catena.  
Fingit equum tenera docilem  
cervice magister ire  
viam qua monstrat eques; venaticus ex quo  
tempore cervinam pellem latravit in aula,  
militat in silvis catulus.  
Nunc adbibe puro pectore  
verba puer, nunc te melioribus offer.  
Quo semel est imbuta recens servabit odorem testa diu.  
Quodsi cessas aut strenuus anteis,  
nec tardum opperior nec praecedentibus insto.  

55. sperne, etc.: here follows a string of general moral precepts in regard to sensual pleasure, covetousness, envy, and anger.  
58. Siculi: the cruelty of Dionysius and Phalaris, Sicilian tyrants, passed into a proverb.  
60. dolor et mens, angry heart, of the momentary purpose inspired by dolor.  
63. hunc frenis, etc.: the peculiar Horatian connection of thought is very well illustrated by this passage. The idea contained in paret, imperat, frenis, suggests the figure of the horse trained when a colt, and so obedient, but in the mean time the object compared has changed in Horace's mind, and becomes not the passions to be controlled, but the boy himself who is to be trained by himself while he is still young and docile.  
66. cervinam pellem, etc.: it would seem that dogs were taught to hunt by showing them the hide of a deer, and teaching them to recognize that animal as the object of their pursuit. The moral is, that men learn their habits while young, and follow them ever after. — in aula, in the courtyard, where the lesson is given, as in a school, before the real hunting in the forest, which presents difficulties comparable to those of actual life.  
67. puro, unsullied, i.e. before bad habits are formed.  
68. melioribus: cf. I. i. 48.  
70. quodsi, etc.: in closing, Horace half-jestingly reasserts his doctrine of the golden mean; if his pupil lingers, he himself will pursue his even way without him, or, if in the enthusiasm of youth, the pupil presses on, he himself will not be thrown out of his calm philosophic spirit even in pursuit of philosophy itself.
III.

Iuli Flore, quibus terrarum militet oris
Claudius, Augusti privignus, scire laboro.
Thracane vos Hebrusque nivali compede vinctus,
an freta vicinas inter currentia turris,
an pingues Asiae campi collesque morantur?
Quid studiosa cohors operum struit? Hoc quoque curo.
Quis sibi res gestas Augusti scribere sumit?
Bella quis et paces longum diffundit in aevum?
Quid Titius, Romana brevi venturus in ora,
Pindarici fontis qui non expalluit haustus,
fastidire lacus et rivos ausus apertos?
Vt valet? Vt meminit nostri? Fidibusne Latinis

EPISTLE 3. This epistle, of a less
general character than the two pre-
ceding, is only a familiar letter ad-
dressed to a friend, Julius Florus.
He was at the time one of the suite
(cohors amicorum) of Tiberius
(cf. notes to Sat. I. 5.), who was
then (B.C. 20) in Armenia with an
army threatening Parthia.
1. Iuli Flore: the full name is
a little formal and serious. He
appears also in II. 2.
2. Claudius: Tiberius Claudius
Nero.—privignus: this descrip-
tion is meant as a compliment, and
the gentile name alone is respectful
in the case of a dignitary.—laboro:
cf. Sat. II. 8. 19.
3. Thracane, etc.: the route of
an army would be through Thrace,
across the Hellespont over through
Asia Minor into Armenia. The
question is only a formal way of
asking how far along he is on his
march.—vinctus: not at the time,
but proverbially so as being in a
cold region.
4. turris: Sestos and Abydos.
6. studiosa, etc.: all the young
nobles were litterateurs to some ex-
tent. In fact, such had been often
taken in the suite of a commander
ever since Ennius went into Ætolia
with Fulvius.
8. diffundit: i.e. preserves the
memory of them in literature. Cf.
II. 3. 346, and Od. IV. 14. 3.
9. Titius: unknown, except from
the allusion here.—venturus: i.e.
about to become famous, a prophecy
apparently not fulfilled.
10. Pindarici: he seems to have
attempted the Pindaric ode, for the
difficulty of which, cf. Od. IV. 2.
11. lacus et rivos apertos: al-
luding to the quieter style of ordi-
nary poets, as opposed to the moun-
tain torrent of Pindar.—apertos:
in the open plain, not in woods or
mountains.
12. fidibusne, etc. (cf. Od. III.
30. 13): i.e. does he still attempt
the ode, and with success, or has
he abandoned it for the turgid elo-
quence of the drama?
Thebanos aptare modos studet auspice Musa, an tragica desaevit et ampullatur in arte? Quid mihi Celsus agit? Monitus multumque monendus, privatas ut quaeat opes et tangere vitet scripta, Palatinus quaeacumque recepit Apollo; ne si forte suas repetitum venerit olim grex avium plumas moveat cornicula risum furtivis nudata coloribus. Ipse quid audes? Quae circumvolitas agilis thyma? Non tibi parvum ingenium, non incultum ac turpiter hirtum: seu linguam causis acuis seu civica iura respondere paras seu condis amabile carmen, prima feres hederae victricis praemia. Quodsi frigida curarum fomenta relinquere posses, quo te caelestis sapientiaduceret, ires. Hoc opus, hoc studium parvi properemus et ampli, si patriae volumus, si nobis vivere cari.

13. auspice Musa, with favoring Muse, i.e. does he succeed in his venturesome attempt?
14. desaevit, rave, referring to the intensity of passion. — ampullatur, bluster, referring to the fiction. Without supposing any direct ridicule on Horace's part of his young friend's efforts, one can hardly help feeling a tone of raillery in the whole allusion. For the word, cf. II. 3. 97, and ηρεθος, Cic. ad Att. I. 14.
15. mihi, my friend, tell me, or I should like to know, ethical dative. — Celsus: perhaps the same to whom Ep. I. 8 is addressed, wh. see.
16. privatæs, etc.: i.e. to write something of his own, and not borrow from the ancients. Of course all Romans borrowed, but this man must have copied without making the ideas his own.
17. Palatinus, etc.: Augustus, in B.C. 28, established a library in connection with the temple of Apollo on the Palatine.
20. audes, venture on.
22. hirtum, rough, like land foul with weeds and bushes.
23. linguam, etc.: the three literary professions, so to speak, of orator, jurisconsult, and poet.
24. amable, charming, lyric poetry, neither tragic nor epic.
26. frigida, chill (clammy), comfortless, as not giving the warmth and comfort they were intended to. — curarum (objective), anxious cares, the worries of worldly life. — fomenta, solace, relief, i.e. the ambitious pursuits with which (as in I. 2. 44 seq.) he seeks to satisfy the cravings of his soul, and solace the anxieties of a worldly life. — reliquere: if he could but abandon
Debes hoc etiam rescribere, sit tibi curae quantae conveniat Munatius? An male sarta gratia nequicquam coit et rescinditur? At vos seu calidus sanguis seu rerum inscitia vexat indomita cervice feros, ubicumque locorum vivitis indigni fraternum rumpere foedus, pascitur in vestrum reditum votiva iuvenca.

IV.

Albi, nostrorum sermonum candide iudex, quid nunc te dicam facere in regione Pedana? Scribere quod Cassi Parmensis opuscula vincat,

the pursuit of ambition and take up philosophy, then his talent would carry him far on in the road to wisdom.

31. Munatius: probably the son of Lucius Munatius Plancus, for whom see Od. I. 7. With him Florus had, it seems, fallen out, and had been reconciled (perhaps by Horace himself).

32. at vos, etc.: in either case, whether you remain friends, or otherwise, I shall be ready to greet you both on your return, for which I have made a vow. The evidence of his friendship for both and his words in reference to their quarrel indicate a strong desire to reconcile them—a desire which may be the kernel of this letter.

33. calidus sanguis, etc.: implying that there is no real cause for persons of such a character (indigni, etc.) to quarrel, but that their difference comes either from the fiery temper of youth or from want of experience.

Epistle 4. Addressed to the poet Tibullus.

1. Albi: Cf. Od. I. 33. 1. The poet's praenomen is unknown. — sermonum: the word includes the satires, and possibly some of the epistles. The mention of these, excluding the odes, would seem to indicate that such fair-minded judges were rare, and that Horace's musa pedestris was very generally disapproved, while his odes met no such disapproval. This agrees with what is implied in Sat. I. 4, I. 10, and II. 1.—candida, etc.: an expression of thanks for Tibullus' approval.

2. quid te dicam, etc.: a colloquial form of expression, common in comedy. — Pedana: Pedum, a hill-city in the vicinity of Rome, was one of the many favorite country resorts of the Romans. Every available spot of high land near Rome seems to have been occupied by their villas. Tibullus must have had a villa near Pedum.

3. scribere, etc.: i.e. are you engaged in poetry or philosophy? — Cassi: a fellow-soldier of Horace in the army of Brutus and Cassius (Longinus). He seems to have tried many styles of composition, but here only elegies seem to be referred to (opuscula), in which he
an tacitum silvas inter reptare salubris,
curantem quicquid dignum sapiente bonoque est?  
Non tu corpus eras sine pectore: di tibi formam,
di tibi divitias dederunt artemque fruendi.
Quid voveat dulci nutricula maius alumno,
qui sapere et fari possit quae sentiat, et cui
gratia, fama, valetudo contingent abunde,
et mundus victus non deficiente crumena?
Inter spem curamque, timores inter et iras
omnem credo diem tibi diluxisse supremum:
grata superveniet quae non sperabitur hora.
Me pinguem et nitidum bene curata cute
vises, cum ridere voles Epicuri de grege porcum.

was successful, though only insignificant fragments of his work remain.


5. curantem, absorbed in, i.e. meditating thoughtfully upon. — quicquid, etc.: i.e. ethics, as the
guide to a noble life.

6. eras: i.e. the last time I saw you, and so are not likely to be now; hence I expect something good
of you. — pectore, a soul, i.e. a fine intellect and good heart. — di tibi, etc.: i.e. you have all these blessings that ought to make you a happy
man, and give you a contented spirit (the aim of philosophy) if you take
the right view of human life. The melancholy tone of Tibullus' poetry
makes it probable that he had a morbid disposition, or, at least, a vein

8. nutricula, fond nurse, a diminutive of affection. Cf. matricula, I. 7. 7.

9. fari, etc.: i.e. sufficient eloquence.

10. gratia, friends, substituting in translation the concrete for the abstract.

11. mundus victus, a life of elegance.

12. inter spem, etc.: i.e. amid all human experiences, the chance and change of life, which the wise
man can meet with serenity if he regards each day as his last.

15. vises: equivalent to an imperative, come and find me, etc.

16. Epicuri, etc.: referring apparently to one of Horace's periods of backsliding (cf. I. 1. 18), though
he has just exhorted his friend to moral effort. — porcum, etc.: apparently a common reproach upon
the Epicureans, on account of their making the pleasure of the senses the summum bonum. Cf. Cic. in
Pis. 16. 37; Cic. ad Fam. IX. 20. 1; de Off. III. 33. 117.
Si potes Archiacis conviva recumbere lectis nec modica cenare times holus omne patella, supremo te sole domi, Torquate, manebo. Vina bibes iterum Tauro diffusa palustris inter Minturnas Sinuessianumque Petrinum. Si melius quid habes, arcesse, vel imperium fer. Iamdudum splendet focus et tibi munda supellex, Mitte leves spes et certamina divitiarum et Moschi causam: cras nato Caesare festus

Epistle 5. An invitation to dinner, addressed to Torquatus, probably the same to whom Od. IV. 7 is written. It is as if a jovial friend should say to his busy and less self-indulgent companion, "Come, let's have a dinner; it will do you good. I will invite you, or, if you are not content with my bill of fare, then you invite me." Which of the many Torquati this is, is uncertain.


2. modica: not sumptuous, such as the great man would be accustomed to. — holus omne: any kind of vegetables, lit. all kinds, not excluding the poorer. — patella, dinner service, the characteristic plate offered to the Lares being put for the whole. Cf. patera, Sat. I. 6. 118.


4. iterum Tauro (sc. console): the date is B.C. 26, and the wine would be about five or six years old, respectable but not choice. — palustris, etc.: a region of good wines, among which was the Massic. — diffusa, bottled, drawn off from the great jars, in which it was first made, into the amphora.

6. si melius, etc.: Torquatus is bidden to come, unless he himself has something better to offer in the way of an entertainment, in which case he is to invite Horace instead. Cf. St. Jerome, Ep. 48 (Migne, Vol. I. p. 509), Aut profer meliores epulas et me conviva ulere aut qualcumque nostra cenula contentus esto, where the Father is evidently thinking of this passage. — arcesse, send for me, invite me. — imperium fer, submit to my orders, as host or master of the feast.

7. focus: the sacred symbolic hearth, dedicated to the Lares, to whom every meal was in a manner a sacrifice. This had been polished in anticipation of the occasion. Cf. Epod. 2. 66. — supellex: the table service, which also had been put in order.

8. mitte: i.e. dismiss all cares of business and ambition.

9. Moschi causam, a cause célè
dat veniam somnumque dies; impune licebit
eastivam sermone benigno tendere noctem.
Quo mihi fortunam, si non conceditur uti?
Parcus ob heredis curam nimiumque severus
adsidet insano: potare et spargere flores
incipiam, patiarque vel inconsulta haberi.
Quid non ebrietas designat? Operta recludit,
spes iubet esse ratas, ad proelia trudit inertem,
sollicitis animis onus eximit, addocet artes.
Fecundi calices quem non fecere disertum,
contracta quem non in paupertate solutum?
Haec ego procurare et idoneus emperor et non
invitus: ne turpe toral, ne sordida mappa
corruget nares; ne non et cantharum et lanx
ostendat tibi te; ne fidos inter amicos
sit qui dicta foras eliminet; ut coeat par
iungaturque pari. Butram tibi Septiciumque

bre of the time in which Torquatus
was engaged.—Caesare: apparently Julius, whose birthday, July
12th, agrees better than Sept. 23,
the day of Augustus' birth, with
aestivam noctem.—festus: the
next day being a holiday gives ex-
cuse for festivity, and at the same
time allows a later hour of rising
after the indulgence.
11. tendere, while away, lit. ex-
tend the night with, etc., for extend
through the night.
12. quo mihi, etc.: the strenu-
owus and sober Torquatus seems to
have been thought to need some
apology from Horace, or an exhor-
tation, as it were, to indulgence.—
fortunam: cf. quo sumere? Sat.
I. 6. 24, and unde mihi lapidem?
Sat. II. 7. 116.
14. adsidet, is next neighbor to.
Cf. "next door to a fool."

16. designat, contrive, i.e. stimu-
late the mind to activity so as to
make any undertaking seem possi-
87.—operta recludit: reveals mys-
teries, i.e. discovers things not un-
derstood in more sluggish moments.
The divulging of secrets is out of
place here.
18. addocet, etc.: teaches new
arts.
19. fecundi: as producing a
copia loquendi, suggesting ideas.
20. solutum, free, i.e. from the
benumbing influence of poverty.
21. haec: referring to the fol-
lowing, the duties of host, and op-
posed to the idea of v. 30.—impe-
ror: make it my duty, a rare mid-
dle use.
26. Butram, etc.: persons un-
known.
et nisi cena prior potiorque puella Sabinum detinet adsumam. Locus est et pluribus umbris; sed nimis arta premunt olidae convivia caprae. Tu quotus esse velis rescribe et rebus omissis atria servantem postico falle clientem.

VI.

Nil admirari prope res est una, Numici, solaque, quae possit facere et servare beatum. Hunc solem et stellas et decedentia certis tempora momentis sunt qui formidine nulla imbuti spectent. Quid censes munera terrae,

29. sed nimiris, etc.: but not too many, lest if they recline too close to each other, they should be mutually disagreeable.
30. tu: opposed to ego, i.e. all you have to do is to say how many we shall be, and dodge a waiting client, and come.—atria: the great hall was the common reception room in which the visitors of a great man waited for his appearance from the more private parts of his house. Here Torquatus is to slip out by a back door, and so avoid the importunities which might hinder him from coming.

Epistle 6. The Numicius here addressed is otherwise unknown. There is nothing personal, however, in the epistle except the possible indication in v. 31, that Numicius was a disbeliever in virtue. It is a philosophical lecture which might be addressed to anybody.

1. nil admirari, to be disturbed by nothing, including all sensations which would disturb the even serenity (ευθυμία) of the sage, whether of desire, fear, superstition, or envy. This state of mind corresponds to the ἀθανασία and ἀθανάστια of the Greeks. This principle belongs to many philosophers, but is differently worked out by them in detail. Cf. Diog. Laert. VII. 123. Synonymous with admirari in this sense are stupere, torpere.

3. hunc solem, etc.: i.e. there are men so free from superstition that they can observe all the great phenomena of nature without alarm. —hunc: with a gesture implying the grandeur of the visible heavens. —decedentia, moving on.

4. tempora, the seasons.—momentis, times, properly the degrees or steps by which the seasons seem to proceed. The whole indicates the grandeur of the machinery of the universe, which excites the awe of the unphilosophical and leads them to tremble at the power of the gods.

5. quid censes, etc.: i.e. if the sage can look unmoved at the grandest phenomena of the heavens, how much less should a man be moved by the paltry things of earth!—munera: i.e. what earth has to bestow, such as gold and silver, etc.
quid maris extremos Arabas ditantis et Indos, ludicra quid plausus et amici dona Quiritis, quo spectanda modo, quo sensu credis et ore? Qui timet his adversa, fere miratur codem quo cupiens pacto; pavor est utrobiique molestus; improvisa simul species exterret utrumque. Gaudeat an doleat, cupiat metuatne, quid ad rem, si quidquid vidit melius peiusque sua spe defixis oculis animoque et corpore torpet? Insani nomen sapiens ferat, aequus iniqui, ultra quam satis est virtutem si petat ipsum. I nunc, argentum et marmor vetus aeraque et artes suspice, cum gemmis Tyrios mirare colores; gaude quod spectant oculi te mille loquentem; gnatus mane forum et vespertinus pete tectum,

6. maris: i.e. pearls from the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf.
7. ludicra, trifles, playthings, in apposition with plausus et dona. This verse refers to the objects of ambition as the preceding do to wealth. — dona: i.e. office.
8. quo spectanda modo, etc.: i.e. they (a fortiori) are not to be looked upon with awe (admiranda), but scorned (contemnenda) as worthless. This attitude of mind as well as freedom from fear is included in nil admirari (cf. v. 9).
9. his adversa: i.e. poverty or disgrace in the eyes of the people. — miratur, is in awe.
10. pavor, awe, referring to the excited state of mind which is common both to desire and fear; cf. “all in a quiver,” “all in a flutter.” — molestus: i.e. and hence prevents one from being beatus, the point to be proved.
11. species, apparition, i.e. the sight either of the object of desire, or of anything that threatens to take it away.
14. defixis oculis: cf. ore, v. 8. — torpet, is dazed, the state of mind and body referred to in admirari (v. 1) and mirari (v. 9).
15. insani: the opposite of sapientis, and equal to stultus. — aequus, just, in the sense of rendering everything its due.
16. ultra quam, etc.: i.e. even virtue itself may become the object of this admiratio, so that the sage (as with the Stoics) may become a fool by pursuing virtue to excess.
17. i nunc: if what has been said is true, then go (if you can) and admire the objects of men’s desire and ambition. — argentum, etc.: i.e. all the paraphernalia of a luxurious life of splendor and wealth. — artes, works of art.
18. suspice, gaze upon with awe.
19. gaude quod, etc.: the marks of a life of successful ambition.
20. forum, etc.: as a statesman or lawyer to win fortune, and perhaps also by marrying a rich woman (cf. dotalibus, v. 21) to found a distinguished family; cf. I. 2. 44.
ne plus frumenti dotalibus emetat agris
Mutus et — indignum, quod sit peioribus ortus, —
hic tibi sit potius quam tu mirabilis illi.
Quicquid sub terra est in apricum proferet aetas,
defodiet condetque nitentia. Cum bene notum
porticus Agrippae et via te conspexerit Appi,
ire tamen restat Numa quo devenit et Ancus.

Si latus aut renes moros tentantur acuto,
quære fugam morbi. Vîs recte vivere? Quis non?
Si virtus hoc una potest dare, fortis omissis
hoc age deliciis. Virtutem verba putas et

21. dotalibus: if this is taken as
referring to Mutus also, it means
that he has only that sort of wealth.
It may, however, be used of both;
cf. preceding note.
22. Mutus: an unknown par-
venu. — peioribus ortus: at Rome
high birth was regarded as a sort of
claim to political distinction.
23. mirabilis, an object of envy.
24. quicquid sub terra, etc.: i.e.
these objects of splendor are
only temporary and will perish;
they came from the earth (cf. pro-
feret) and will return to it again (cf.
munera terrae, v. 5).
25. bene notum, etc.: however
great you may be in the eyes of the
people, still death awaits you.
26. porticus Agrippae: a col-
onnade near the Pantheon built by
Marcus Agrippa, a favorite loung-
ing-place of the Romans. — via
Appi: the favorite place for driving
and riding. Here the great Roman
would be seen in his carriage, as he
would be seen on foot in the porti-
cus Agrippae.
27. ire: poetical and colloquial
instead of ut eas. — Numa, etc.: i.e.
obody could be greater or more
esteemed than the ancient kings.
Yet they are dead, and so will you
soon be, and then your fame will be
of no avail.
28. si latus, etc.: the beginning
of the personal application (as it
were) of the sermon. “If what I
have said is true, then it behooves
you to set about securing happiness,
just as, if you had a bodily disease,
you would at once set about curing
it. Then the question comes up:
but how? Horace then proceeds
to give several proposed remedies,
on the one hand the pursuit of vir-
tue, and on the other the pursuit of
wealth, distinction, and pleasure.
29. quaere, etc.: i.e. do so, as
you would of course. — vis recte
vivere: i.e. of course you do, and if
so, you should adopt the right means.
30. si virtus, etc.: i.e. virtue
carried to the extreme in the Stoic
method. If this be the only way to
happiness, the natural conclusion is
that you should devote yourself
wholly to it, abandoning all enjoy-
ment. This course the poet has
already disapproved in v. 16. Per-
haps however the next verse is to be
taken literally, representing Numi-
cius as a disbeliever in virtue, in
which case he of course can’t pur-
sue it.
31. virtutem, etc.: if, on the
lucum ligna: cave ne portus occupet alter, ne Cibyratica, ne Bithyna negotia perdas; mille talenta rotundentur, totidem altera, porro et tertia succedant, et quae pars quadret acervum. Scilicet uxorem cum dote fidemque et amicos et genus et formam regina Pecunia donat, ac bene nummatum decorat Suadela Venusque. Mancipiis locuples eget aeris Cappadocum rex. Ne fueris hic tu. Chlamydes Lucullus, ut aiunt, si posset centum scaenae praebere rogatus, 'Qui possum tot?' ait, 'Tamen et queraem et quot habebo mittam.' Post paullo scribit sibi milia quinque esse domi chlamydam; partem vel tolleret omnes.

other hand, you go to the other extreme, and think that virtue is the mere fustian of philosophers, then the natural conclusion is that you should devote yourself to the objects of human desire with insatiable greed. This strenuousness he illustrates in detail in the following. — et, and (as you naturally would).

32. lucum ligna: i.e. a sacred grove is nothing but firewood, the sanctity being a mere pretense or notion. — portus occupet, gain the harbor before you, to get higher prices for his wares by bringing them in early. Cf. the races of the first tea-ships in our own times.

33. Cibyratica: from Cibyra, a commercial city of Phrygia. The whole region of the Black Sea and of Asia Minor was the seat of the most lucrative commerce of the times. Here the capitalist or speculator is referred to, as the humbler mercator is in the preceding.

35. quadrat: i.e. makes it four times as much, referring to rolling up wealth in arithmetic ratio.

36. scilicet, for of course, an ironical statement of the advantages of wealth as giving the sources of happiness. — uxorem cum dote: cf. I. 2. 44. — fidem, credit, both in a business sense, and also almost equivalent to auctoritas.

38. decorat: i.e. each with her own peculiar gift. — Suadela: the goddess of persuasion or eloquence. — Venus: as the goddess of grace and favor.

39. mancipiis, etc.: i.e. don't be satisfied with wealth in one direction; be not content even with regal position without enormous riches. — Cappadocum rex: the allusion is doubtless to Ariobarzanes, mentioned several times by Cicero as in an embarrassed condition. Cf. ad Att. VI. 1. 3, and VI. 3. 5. From Cappadocia came a favorite breed of slaves. Cf. Plut. Luc. 39.

40. fueres: with long ɪ, preserving the ancient quantity. — Lucullus, etc.: be rather like Lucullus, who didn't know how much he did have, as is illustrated by the anecdote.

41. scaenae: i.e. for the stage on some festive occasion. — roga- tus: i.e. by the aedile.

44. chlamydam: with the ancients these were objects of wealth.
Exilis domus est ubi non et multa supersunt et dominum fallunt et prosunt furibus! Ergo si res sola potest facere et servare beatum, hoc primus repetas opus, hoc postremus omittas. Si fortunatum species et gratia praestat, mercemur servum qui dictet nomina, laevum qui fodicet latus et cogat trans pondera dextram porrige. 'Hic multum in Fabia valet, ille Velina, cui libet his fasces dabint, eripietque curule cui volet importunus ebur.' Frater, Pater adde; ut cuique est aetas, ita quemque facetus adopta. Si, bene qui cenat, bene vivit; lucet, eamus quo ducet gula: piscemur, venemur, ut olim Gargilius, qui mane plagas, venabula, servos, differtum transire forum populumque iubebat, unus ut e multis populo spectante referret.

He didn’t know that he had a hundred, and found he had five thousand.—tolleret: indirect quotation from the imperative of his letter.

46. dominum fallunt: as in the case of Lucullus.—furibus: i.e. ready to be stolen and never missed.

47. si res, etc.: a repetition of the idea begun in v. 31, but not formulated until now.

49. species et gratia, distinction and popularity, in the political world.

50. servum: a person called nomenclator whose business it was to find out the names of humble persons and inform his master, so that he could greet them by name. —laevum: cf. Sat. II. 5. 17.

51. trans pondera, over the counter, of the little shops, on which the balances of the shopkeeper stood, and behind which stood the keeper himself. Cf. the shops at Pompeii in Museo Borbonico X.

52. hic multum, etc.: like our ward politicians.

53. curule . . . ebur, the curule chair of the magistrates.

54. pater, uncle, our corresponding word.—adde: i.e. to the hand-shake implied in the preceding.

55. facetus, with graceful courtesy.—adopta, take him into your family.

56. si bene, etc.: a third object of men’s desire, thought to produce happiness.

57. ut olim Gargilius, etc.: i.e. with all the eagerness of Gargilius, the anecdote only illustrating the devotion to the pursuit shown by that unknown personage. The poet, however, cannot forbear depicting the ludicrous side of Gargilius’ behavior, even though that has nothing to do with the case.

60. unus e multis: i.e. only one boar, and that one bought of some country hunter, after all the preparation for hunting.
emptum mulus aprum; crudi tumidique lavemur, 
quid deceat, quid non, obliti, Caerite cera 
digni, remigium vitiosum Ithacensis Vlixi, 
cui potior patria fuit interdicta voluptas.
Si, Mimnermus uti censet, sine amore iocisque 
nil est iucundum, vivas in amore iocisque.
Vive, vale: si quid novisti rectius istis, 
candidus imperti; si non, his utere mecum.

61. crudi, etc.: *i.e.* let us devote ourselves to the pleasures of the palate, taking the luxurious bath without waiting for the last excessive meal to digest. Cf. Persius, III. 98; Juvenal, I. 142.

62. *quid deceat*, etc.: *i.e.* the proprieties of life, which would forbid such indulgence.

62. *Caerite cera*, etc.: *i.e.* good for nothing as citizens, and so deserving to be deprived of citizenship. This process was performed by removing a man's name from the list of his tribe, and enrolling him among the citizens of Caere, who at a very early period were taken into the state without the right of suffrage. Cf. Aul. Gel. XVI. 13.

63. *remigium*, the crew; cf. Hom. Odys. XII. 313 seq.

64. *voluptas*: the feasting on the cattle of the Sun.

65. *si* Mimnermus, etc.: a fourth object of desire. — *Mimnemus*: an elegiac poet of Colophon. — *censet*: cf. a fragment of his, preserved to us; τίς δὲ ἔδωκο, τί δὲ τερπνὸν ἄτερ χρυσῆς Ἀφροδίτης; 67. *vive, vale*: cf. *Sat.* II. 5. 110. — *rectius*, better, *i.e.* as a mode of life. Cf. *recte*, v. 29. — *istis*: than all that, which the poet has set forth as the rule of conduct to be reached by any one who adopts any of the views beginning with v. 30.

68. *candidus*: almost equal to "be generous and." — *si non*: *i.e.* if you have nothing better to offer as a scheme of life than the obviously absurd ideas that I have set forth (from v. 30) on that side. — his, this view of mine, referring to the doctrine of *nil admirari set forth from vv. 1 to 27.*
VII.

Quinque dies tibi pollicitus me rure futurum Sextilem totum mendax desideror. Atqui si me vivere vis sanum recteque valentem, quam mihi das aegro, dabis aegrotare timenti, Maecenas, veniam, dum ficus prima calorque dissignatorem decorat lictoribus atris; dum pueris omnis pater et matercula pallet, officiosaque sedulitas et opella forensis adducit febris et testamenta resignat.

Epist. 7. Though Horace was a man of humble extraction and position, brought by his genius and education into companionship with the great, yet he seems to have been entirely free from servility of nature, and accordingly to have preserved his independence even in the difficult relation of client and patron. For his self-respect we may compare Sat. I. 6, and for his views of the relation of clientship, Ep. I. 18. This epistle was evidently written to Maecenas to justify himself for preferring considerations of health to the claims of his patron. He had apparently retired from the city to the country (perhaps to Tibur. Cf. vv. 45 and 10) for a few days, and had continued away for a month, and now had it in mind to remain away the whole winter. While excusing himself on the plea of ill health, he also asserts (v. 34 seq.) his liberty of action within the limits of friendship.

1. quinque: often loosely used of a short indefinite time. — rure: probably at Tibur.

2. Sextilem: the month of August was not so named until 8 B.C. — desideror, I allow myself to be missed. — atqui, and yet (though I fail to keep my promise).

3. sanum recteque valentem: without essential difference of meaning, like well and strong, in good health and vigor.

4. aegrotare: here equivalent to the regular construction with ne, though properly used with a different meaning.

5. dum ficus, etc.: a poetical description of the unhealthy season of autumn.

6. dissignatorem, the undertaker, who managed funerals, much as in modern times. — decorat: of course the presence of the lictors, as “assistant marshals,” would indicate a splendid funeral, and so they are said to be the undertaker’s adornments. — atris: clothed in black, as in modern times.

7. matercula, fond mother, the diminutive of affection, reversed as it were.

8. officiosa: i.e. in the performance of duties, especially social (officia), as the attendance upon the great and the like. — opella forensis: in reference to the services of the patronus, which at this season would be petty and insignificant.

9. testamenta resignat: naturally, by killing off the testator.

10. quodsi bruma, etc.: i.e. if the winter becomes too cold there.
Quodsi bruma nives Albanis illinet agris,
ad mare descendet vates tuus et sibi parcet
contractusque leget; te, dulcis amice, reviset
cum Zephyris, si concedes, et hirundine prima.
Non quo more piris vesci Calaber iubet hospes,
tu me fecisti locupletem. 'Vescere sodes!'
'Tam satis est.' 'At tu quantum vis tollite.' 'Benigne.'
'Non invisa feres pueris munuscula parvis.'
'Tam teneor dono quam si dimittar onustus.'
'Vt libet; haec porcis hodie comedenda relinquas.'
Prodigus et stultus donat quae spernit et odit;
haec seges ingratos tulit et feret omnibus annis.
Vir bonus et sapiens dignis ait esse paratus;

11. descendet: merely of the
descent from the hills to some southern
resort (cf. v. 45). — sibi parcet, take care of himself by avoiding the
cold.

12. contractus, in a corner, referring merely to the poet's "cuddling himself up" to keep warm. Cf.
Gravissimo frigore solus atque contractus Dormitanius vigilabit in
leto. St. Jerome, in Vig. § 15.

Inque manus venit tritus de more libellus,
Nescio quid nugaram contractusque leges-
ham.
Nam rore Auctumni matutinisque prunis
Frigidula intrabat male sartas aura fen-
estras.

Q. SECTANI (L. Sergardi, A.D. 1650),
Satyræ, 4. 6.

14. non quo more, etc.: the
transition is abrupt, but is founded
on the relations of the parties.
Mæcenas had been such a munici-

cent patron to Horace that he might
 seem to have a right to the society
of his friend under any and all cir-

cumstances. But Horace puts their
friendship upon a basis which ex-
cludes ingratitude in the receiver as
well as selfish arrogance in the
giver. The anecdote of the Cala-
rian host (no doubt a story current
at the time, and localized as such
stories usually are) gives an instance
of thoughtless giving merely of that
which is superfluous, without thought
of the character or merit of the
receiver, and without any personal
regard. Such has not been Mæ-

enas' generosity to the poet.

16. toller: i.e. take away with
you. — benigno, no, thank you, like
merci in French.

19. haec porcis, etc.: representing
the worthlessness of the gift to
the host himself.

20. prodigus et stultus: i.e. it
is the prodigal and fool who, etc.
— spernit et odit: i.e. cares nothing
for, and in fact wants to be rid of.

21. ingratos, etc.: for naturally
where there is no personal regard
nor sacrifice, no gratitude is likely
to be felt.

22. dignis: i.e. the wise man
makes a distinction in the objects
of his bounty, so that the gift is a
mark of esteem, and is prized as
such. — ait esse: a familiar Greek
construction borrowed by the Latin
poets for brevity.
nec tamen ignorat quid distent aera lupinis.
Dignum praestabo me etiam pro laude merentis.
Quodsi me noles usquam discedere, reddes
forte latus, nigros angusta fronte capillos;
reddes dulce loqui; reddes ridere decorum et
inter vina fugam Cinarae maerere protervae.
Forte per angustam tenuis volpecula rimam
repserat in cumeram frumenti, pastaque rursus
ire foras pleno tendebat corpore frustra.
Cui mustela procul: 'Si vis,' ait, 'effugere istinc,
macra cavum repetes artum, quem macra subisti.'
Hac ego si compellor imagine, cuncta resigno;
nec somnum plebis laudo satur altilium, nec
otia divitiis Arabum liberrima muto.
Saepe verecundum laudasti, rexque paterque
audisti coram, nec verbo parcius absens;

23. nec tamen, etc.: and yet the giver knows the value of the gift; though he gives freely, he makes something like a sacrifice.—**lupinis**: the regular stage money, used as children count with beans.

24. dignum, etc.: *i.e.* Horace also recognizes the value of the gift, and will show gratitude in proportion.

25. quodsi, etc.: *i.e.* yet if the gift is to constitute a claim to incessant attendance, the poet must have back his lost youth, whose vigor made such attendance possible. This, of course, cannot be, and he proceeds by the use of a fable to assert delicately that he cannot by any munificence be bound to lose his independence, and would rather resign all than be fattened as a humble dependent, or be forced to activity against his will.

27. dulce loqui: cf. Od. I. 22. 23. The inf. as a noun is colloquial.

28. **Cinararum**: cf. Od. IV. 1. 3; IV. 13. 22; Epist. I. 14. 32.

29. **volpecula**: the substitution of **nitelulam** (Bentley) is unnecessary, inasmuch as old fables are often regardless of natural history. Cf. The Fox and the Grapes.

34. si **compeller**, etc.: *i.e.* if your demands are to be understood in the sense of the remark of the weasel, I give up all your gifts.

35. **somnum**: *i.e.* the idleness of a mere pampered dependent.

36. **otia**, etc.: *i.e.* the freedom to pursue my own vocations uninterrupted.

37. **saepe verecundum**, etc.: *i.e.* yet from my former conduct you can see how much it would cost me to give up this relation; but I value my independence more, and would abandon the gift if it brings obligations for which I am unfitted, and so becomes an unsuitable gift, like horses to Telemachus. — **vereundum**: modest and respectful, showing that his present attitude is not a mere wilful impertinence, or the arrogance of a spoilt favorite.
inspice si possum donata reponere laetus.
Haud male Telemachus, proles patientis Vlixi:
‘Non est aptus equis Ithace locus, ut neque planis
porrectus spatiis nec multae prodigus herbae;
Atride, magis apta tibi tua dona relinquam.’
Parvum parva decent: mihi iam non regia Roma,
sed vacuum Tibur placet aut imbelle Tarentum.
Strenuus et fortis causisque Philippus agendis
clarus, ab officiis octavam circiter horam
dum redit atque foro nimium distare Carinas
iam grandis natu queritur, conspexit, ut aiunt,
adrasum quendam vacua tonsoris in umbra
cultello proprios purgantem leniter
ungues.
‘Demetri’ (puer hic non laeve iussa Philippi
accipiebat), ‘abi; quaere et refer, unde domo, quis,
cuius fortunae, quo sit patre quove patrono.’
It redit et narrat Volteium nomine Menam,
Quod te per genium dextramque deosque Penates obsecro et obtestor, vitae me redde priori.'

Qui semel adspexit, quantum dimissa petitis praestent, mature redeat repetatque relictam.

Metiri se quemque suo modulo ac pede verum est.

VIII.

Celso gaudere et bene rem gerere Albinovano Musa rogata refer, comiti scribaeque Neronis.

Si quaeret quid agam, dic multa et pulchra minantem vivere nec recte nec suaviter; haud quia grando contuderit vitis oleamque momorderit aestus, nec quia longinquis armentum aegrotet in agris; sed quia mente minus validus quam corpore toto nil audire velim, nil discere, quod levet aegrum; fidis offendar medicis, irascar amicis;
cur me funesto properent arcere veterno;
quae nocuere sequar, fugiam quae profore credam;
Romae Tibur amem ventosus, Tibure Romam.

Post haec ut valeat, quo pacto rem gerat et se,
ut placeat iuveni percontare utque cohorti.

Si dicet 'recte,' primum gaudere, subinde

96. qui semel, etc.: the moral of the anecdote as given by Horace.
98. metiri, etc.: i.e. and not get himself into a place which is not fitted for him.

**EPISTLE 8.** A friendly epistle to a literary friend of Horace, otherwise unknown, in which he complains of his own dissatisfied and restless spirit.

2. rogata: i.e. in answer to his supposed inquiries. — comiti: cf. notes to *Sat. I.*, 5. — Neronis: Tiberius; cf. I. 3. 2.

3. multa, etc.: cf. *Sat. II.* 3. 9.

4. haud quia, etc.: i.e. not on account of the ills to which the wealthy man is exposed.

6. longinquus, etc.: the wealthy Romans pastured great herds of cattle on the public lands throughout Italy, paying a small hire to the state (*scriptura*).

7. mente minus validus: cf. I. 6. 29, I. 2. 33 seq., I. 1. 102, and many other passages where diseases of the soul are referred to.

12. ventosus, fickle as the wind.
14. iuveni: Tiberius. — cohorti: i.e. amicorum, his fellows.

15. gaudere, say you are glad to hear it, as Horace himself would say gaudeo.
praeeptum auriculis hoc instillare memento: ‘ut tu fortunam, sic nos te, Celse, feremus.’

IX.

Septimius, Claudi, nimiram intelligit unus, quanti me facias: nam cum rogat et prece cogit, scilicet ut tibi se laudare et tradere coner, dignum mente domoque legentis honesta Neronis; munere cum fungi proprios censet amici, quid possim videt ac novit me valdius ipso. Multa quidem dixi, cur excusatus abirem; sed timui, mea ne finxisse minora putarer, dissimulator opis propriae, mihi commodus uni. Sic ego maioris fugiens opprobria culpae frontis ad urbanae descendi praemia. Quodsi depositum laudas ob amici iussa pudorem, scribe tui gregis hunc et fortem crede bonumque.

17. fortunam: here of good fortune, in reference to his acceptability to his patron and his companions.

3. praeceptum auriculis hoc instillare memento: ‘ut tu fortunam, sic nos te, Celse, feremus.’

9. dissimulator, disparaging.—commodus, etc.: i.e. using his influence in his own behalf alone.

11. frontis: cf. the slang “cheek.” —urbanae, of the astute man of the world (who is free from the modesty of the simple countryman). —descendi, have descended, as one may be said to descend when having recourse to a less worthy action. —praemia, privileges, that which the impudence of the man of the world allows him to seek to gain.

13. gregis: i.e. cohortis amicum. The construction is that of the predicate genitive. —fortem bonumque: cf. Sat. II. 5. 64 and note; and Od. IV. 4. 29.
X.

Vrbis amatorem Fuscum salvere iubemus ruris amatores, hac in re scilicet una multum dissimiles, at cetera paene gemelli: fraternis animis quicquid negat alter, et alter; adnuimus pariter vetuli notique columbi. Tu nidum servas; ego laudo ruris amoeni rivos et musco circumlita saxa nemusque. Quid quaeris? Vivo et regno, simulista reliqui, quae vos ad caelum effertis rumore secundo, utque sacerdotis fugitivus liba recuso; pane egeo iam mellitis potiore placens.

Vivere naturae si convenienter oportet ponendaeque domo quaerenda est area primum, novistine locum potiore rure beato?

Est ubi plus tepeant hiemes, ubi gratior aura

Epistle 10. This epistle, addressed to the poet’s friend Aristius Fuscus (cf. Od. I. 22; Sat. I. 9. 61, I. 10. 83), is in praise of the country as superior to the city as an abode of content and moral health.

2. amatores: the plural of one person, as usual with the pronoun of the first person in Latin.

4. negat: the construction is ungrammatical, throwing in the third person as a parenthesis where the first person plural would be either untrue or else clumsy.

8. quid quaeris: like quid multa, etc., transferring, however, the person from the speaker to the one addressed: “Why do you ask more,” instead of “Why should I say more.” — vivo: i.e. I enjoy true life. — regno: i.e. have the freedom of a king.

9. rumore secundo, with shouts of applause.

10. fugitivus, etc.: in the usual manner, the figure is identified with the object. — liba: the favorite offerings of the common people, of which in the house of the priest the slave, now a runaway, has had his fill. Like him, Horace has enjoyed the luxuries of the city to his satisfaction, and is glad to be rid of them.

11. pane: i.e. some more solid food. — iam: i.e. now that he has had enough of the delights of the city.

12. vivere, etc.: the Stoic rule of life, ὡφλογογομένος τῇ φύσει ζῆν, is here used more or less jocosely by Horace in a double sense, to include also material as well as spiritual life.

Non, qui Sidonio contendere callidus ostro nescit Aquinatem potantia vellera fucum, certius accipiet damnum proptieve medullis, quam qui non poterit vero distinguere falsum. Quem res plus nimio delectavere secundae, mutatae quatient. Si quid mirabere, pones

16. rabiem canis: Sat. I. 7. 25; Od. I. 17. 17; and Sat. II. 5. 39.—momenta leonis, the fury of the ramping lion, as if the lion were roused to fierce activity by the arrival of the sun.

19. Libycis: i.e. of marble from Numidia. —lapillis: referring to the mosaic pavements of the great Roman houses.

21. trepidat: of the broken course of the brook as it seems to bustle over the stones.

22. nempe, why! —nutitur, etc.: i.e. even amid the splendor of the city, the rich endeavor to imitate rural beauties, thus admitting the superiority of the country.

24. naturam: i.e. the natural instinct of preference for the country. —expellas, etc.: proverbial. —recurrent: as indicated by the words beginning with nempe.

25. mala fastidia, annoying disdain.

26. non qui, etc.: the material aspect of the subject is here connected with the spiritual, through the false and unnatural preference for artificial life shown by the lover of city splendor. Such a person is deceived by glare, and has no true estimate of the relative value of things, and he is here compared to a dealer in stuffs who is no judge of his merchandise.

26. Sidonio ostro: the real Tyrian purple which was of the most value.—contendere, compare, so as to decide on their value.

27. Aquinatem fucum: a lichen which made an imitation of the real purple.

28. propius medullis, coming closer home.

29. vero falsum: in a moral sense, the true goods of life from the false; hence the statement in v. 30.

invitus. Fuge magna; licet sub paupere tecto reges et regum vita praecurrere amicos. Cervus equum pugna melior communibus herbis pellebat, donec minor in certamine longo imploravit opes hominis frenumque recepit. Sed postquam victor violens discessit ab hoste, non equitem dorso, non frenum depulit ore. Sic qui pauperiem veritus potiore metallis libertate caret, dominum vehet improbus atque serviet aeternum, quia parvo r^sciet uti.

Laetus sorte tua vives sapienter, Aristi, nee me dimittes incastigatum, ubi plura cogere quam satis est, ac non cessare videbor. Imperat aut servit collecta pecunia cuique, tortum digna sequi potius quam ducere funem. Haec tibi dictabam post fanum putre Vacunae, excepto quod non simul esses, cetera laetus.
XI.


itself is unoccupied and in decay, and so presents a picture of inactivity.—Vacuna: a Sabine deity, either really a god of vacations (vacod), or mistakenly supposed to be such. For the form, cf. Fortuna, Portunus. The character of the goddess heightens the picture of idleness.

laetus: no doubt with an allusion to the contentment which he recommends to Fuscus in v. 44.

EPISTLE XI. The Bullatius to whom this epistle is addressed is not otherwise known. He appears to have been for some reason travelling perhaps as an exile. Cf. incolumis. Horace takes occasion to express as a contrast to the love of foreign lands his own impatience of the evils of the transit and his preference for home.

1. quid tibi, etc.: amounting merely to "how did you like?" For the use of quid, cf. Sat. I. 6. 55. — nota, famous.

2. concinna, well built, probably alluding to the regularity of its buildings, such as is often admired in the newer Paris. — regia, royal abode. — Sardis: Σάρδης.

3. maiora: for the gender, cf. quid, v. 3.

4. praecampo, etc.: i.e., in comparison with the scenes of home. — sordent, etc.: the three questions are: "Do you prefer your native home, or would you desire to live in one of these famous and wealthy cities, or, finally, do you find the meanest place attractive after the discomforts of travel?" As for himself, Horace goes on to say, he would rather live in the most wretched old town than cross the sea even to get home. The poet's dislike of the sea appears also in Od. I. 3 and II. 6. 7.

7. Gabiis, Fidenis: these towns, once famous, fell into decay after being captured by the Romans, and became almost proverbial for desolation. Cf. Juv. VI. 56 and X. 100.

8. vellem: the contrary-to-fact condition implied is, 'if it were my case,' or 'I were there,' or the like.

9. obliviscendus: apparently in the sense of a present passive participle, a signification which this form must earlier have had (Gr. § 296, note).

10. Neptunum, etc.: the kernel is in the procul e terra. He would live there forever, and look
Sed neque qui Capua Romam petit, imbre lutoque adspersus volet in caupona vivere; nec qui frigus collegit, furnos et balnea laudat ut fortunatam plene praestantia vitam; nec, si te validus iactaverit Auster in alto, idcirco navem trans Aegaeum mare vendas. Incolumni Rhodos et Mitylene pulchra facit, quod paenula solstitio, campestre nivalibus auris, per brumam Tiberis, Sextili mense caminus. Dum licet ac vultum servat Fortuna benignum, Romae laudetur Samos et Chios et Rhodos absens. Tu quamcumque deus tibi fortunaverit horam grata sume manu, neu dulcia differ in annum,

at the sea from a safe distance. Cf. Lucr. II. 1.

11. sed neque qui, etc.: i.e. the following six lines are connected in thought with the third branch of the question (v. 6). The parenthesis vs. 7–10 expresses only Horace's own feelings about sea-voyages, and he continues his advice in another strain. "Even Lebedus may seem agreeable to you after a voyage, but that ought not to warp your judgment of these places as a permanent residence, just as in the three cases mentioned in vs. 11–16, one ought not to conclude that the momentary relief insures permanent happiness." To the sound philosopher (cf. v. 17 seg.), the beauties of foreign cities are mere incumbrances, only a nuisance and hindrance.

12. volet . . . vivere: i.e. even though the inn affords him a temporary relief, he would not wish to pass his life there.

13. frigus collegit, has become stiff with cold, not of catching cold, or of a chill as a morbid condition.

15. iactaverit, etc.: of the mercator's outward voyage.

16. navem, etc.: he wouldn't sell his ship and stay abroad forever.

18. paenula, etc.: each of these four things is directly the opposite of what one would want under the supposed circumstances. The paenula (overcoat?) was a heavy cloak for rough weather. — campestre: a mere clout worn during exercise, "circus trunks."


20. dum licet, etc.: i.e. as long as I can help it, I will not travel, but I will enjoy these cities at a distance.

22. tu, etc.: "Do you, wherever you are, and whatever enjoyments you may have, seize the pleasure of the moment with gratitude, without losing the present by constantly expecting enjoyment in the future. Thus you will be able to be happy in any place." For, as the poet goes on, happiness is not to be found in change of place, nor in effort to attain it, but it is in our state of mind. It is at Rome or in the meanest village if you know how to find happiness.
ut quocumque loco fueris vixisse libenter te dicas. Nam si ratio et prudentia curas, non locus effusi late maris arbiter aufert, caelum, non animum, mutant qui trans mare currunt. strenua nos exercet inertia; navibus atque quadrigis petimus bene vivere; quod petis, hic est, est Vlubris, animus si te non deficit aequus.

XII.

Fructibus Agrippae Siculis, quos colligis, Icci, si recte frueris, non est ut copia maior ab Iove donari possit tibi. Tolle querellas; pauper enim non est, cui rerum suppetit usus. Si ventri bene, si lateri est pedibusque tuis, nil divitiae poterunt regunt regales addere maius.

25. ratio, a settled plan of life.
26. arbiter, commanding; but the word is really here used in its old sense of witness. — aufert: i.e. visiting such places to enjoy the beauty of the landscape does not relieve the troubles of mind.
27. caelum, etc.: for a dilated version of this line, see Sen. Ep. 28.
28. strenua: referring to the strenuous efforts of the idle to amuse themselves. The connection is: though hurrying from place to place does not give us distraction, yet we continue to run after it with bustling activity. — navibus: i.e. by voyaging by sea.
29. quadrigis: i.e. by travel on land. — hic, at home, without going away for it.
30. Vlubris: i.e. in the meanest deserted 'village, without going to famous cities. — animus . . . aequus: the even temper (ànàblà) of the philosopher.

Epistle 12. This epistle is evidently an answer to one of Iccius, in which he had complained of the position which he held in Sicily as manager of the estates of Marcus Agrippa, and of his fortunes generally. For Iccius' character, cf. Od. I. 29, also addressed to him. His service under Ælius Gallus there referred to must have failed of yielding the desired wealth, as in fact we know that the expedition on which he went met with disaster. The two compositions addressed to Iccius give us a hint at the careers open to a young man trying to get on in life at Rome, and the success with which they were pursued. 2. si recte, etc.: there are two reasons given why Iccius should not complain. First, if he knows how to enjoy the material advantages of his position, living well and keeping good health, riches could give him no more. Second, if, on the other hand, he lives simply and frugally though abundance is accessible to him, he would desire no
Si forte in medio positorum abstemius herbis vivis et urtica, sic vives protinus, ut te confestim liquidus Fortunae rivos inauret; vel quia naturam mutare pecunia nescit, vel quia cuncta putas una virtute minora. Miramur, si Democriti pecus edit agellos cultaque, dum peregre est animus sine corpore velox, cum tu inter scabiem tantam et contagia luceri nil parvum sapias et adhuc sublimia cures: quae mare compescant causae; quid temperet annum; stellae sponte sua iussaene vagentur et errent; quid premat obscurn lunae, quid proferat orbem; quid velit et possit rerum concordia discors;

more even in the midst of wealth, in which case a fortune would do him no good.

7. in medio positorum, what is ready at hand, i.e. the abundance of Agrippa's house.


10. vel quia, etc.: i.e. your nature is such that money wouldn't spoil it, and besides, your philosophical studies have given you true views of virtue and all other goods.

12. miramur, etc.: an indirect proof of the philosophical enthusiasm of Iccius, and so still more indirectly of the truth of v. 11. — Democriti: the great atomist of Abdera, the Laughing Philosopher, of whom the story was told alluded to in v. 12. Cf. Democritus ut quam minime animus a cogitationibus abduceretur patrimonium neglexit, agros deseruit incultos, Cic. de Fin. V. 29. 87.

14. inter scabiem, etc.: i.e. the times of Democritus were less worldly than our own, and hence it is a stronger proof of devotion to philosophy when you study such themes amid the present race for wealth than when Democritus did so.

15. nil parvum, etc., study no petty wisdom, i.e. are not drawn away from lofty themes to the petty interests of the day. — sublimia, celestial themes (τὰ μετέωρα), i.e. the study of the heavens, pure science, the questions enumerated below.

16. mare compescant: i.e. control the waves.

17. iussaene: whether there is any law in their movement as natural bodies, or whether they are directed by mechanical forces, untramelled by law.

18. obscurn: a kind of predicate adjective belonging only with premat.

19. quid velit: i.e. what it means, or aims at. — possit: i.e. what are the limits of its power, as the question is spoken of in Lucretius, quid fieri possit et quid non, particularly, no doubt, in reference to the influence of celestial phenomena on human affairs. — concordia discors, the dissentient harmony, i.e. various in manifestation, but joined in a common plan; cf. v. 20.
Empedocles an Stertinium deliret acumen.
Verum seu piscis seu porrum et caepe trucidas,
ute Pompeio Grospho et si quid petet ultero
defer: nil Grosphus nisi verum orabit et aequum.
Vilis amicorum est anonna, bonis ubi quid deest.
Ne tamen ignores, quo sit Romana loco res:
Cantaber Agrippae, Claudi virtute Neronis
Armenius ceedit; ius imperiumque Phraates

20. Empedocles (444 B.C.): the first great natural philosopher who referred all things to natural causes, excluding intelligence from any share in natural events. — Stertinium: taken jocously as a type of the Stoic philosopher, who assigned an intelligent will (λόγος) to the universe. Cf. Sat. II. 3. 33. — acumen: cf. virtus Scipiadæ, Sat. II. 1. 72.

21. verum seu, etc.: returning to the idea in vv. 5–8. — piscis: as a type of good living, fish being bought in the market, and so regarded as a luxury. — porrum et caepe: as examples of frugal fare, cf. herbis et urtica, vs. 7. 8. — trucidas: a jocose use of an inappropriate word.

22. utere, etc.: i.e. whichever course of life you take, either of enjoying the good things, or of suppressing the desire for them like a philosopher, don’t forget to cultivate my friend Grosphus, etc. — Grospho: a friend of the poet having estates in Sicily. Cf. Od. II. 16. — petet: Iccius would probably have favors to grant as manager of the estates of Agrippa. The two estates were probably contiguous. — ultro, freely, i.e. go beyond his request.

24. vilis: i.e. only costing the outlay of a small favor. — amicorum: objective genitive. — an-
nona, the price, properly the year’s crop. Here the idea is that friends are to be bought at a cheap rate when good men need anything. — a little with grateful people goes a great way. Cf. νῦν διὰ τὰ πράγματα εὐωνυμίαν ἔστι φίλους ἀγαθοὺς κτῆσασθαι, Xen. Mem. II. 40. 4.

25. tamen: i.e. though my letter has been taken up with other matters than news, the usual theme of letters, yet, etc. — quo loco: an almost proverbial expression (hence without the in), doubtless derived from military usage. Cf. Virg. Äen. II. 322. — Romana res, affairs at Rome, but with a different idea underlying it, inasmuch as all the interests and circumstances of the state as a whole are summed up in this one expression.

26. Cantaber, etc.: the Cantabrians were conquered by an expedition under Agrippa, B.C. 20. In the same year the expedition of Tiberius referred to in Ep. I. 3, conquered and caused the death of Artaxias, who was hostile to the Romans, and set Tigranes on the throne of Armenia. Cf. Tac. Ann. II. 3.

27. Phraates: in the same year, B.C. 20, the king of the Parthians, apparently alarmed by the progress of the Roman arms, sought peace of the Romans and restored the standards taken in the great defeats of Crassus and Antonius (B.C 53 and 36).
Caesaris acceptit genibus minor; aurea fruges Italiae pleno defundit Copia cornu.

XIII.

Vt profficiscentem docui te saepe diuque, Augusto reddes signata volumina, Vini, si validus, si laetus erit, si denique poscet; ne studio nostri pecces, odiumque libellis sedulus importes opera vehemente minister. Si te forte meae gravis uret sarcina chartae, abicito potius quam, quo perferre iuberis, clitellas ferus impingas Asinaeque paternum cognomen vertas in risum et fabula fias. Viribus uteris per clivos, flumina, lamas; victor propositi simul ac perveneris illuc, sic positum servabis onus, ne forte sub ala

28. genibus minor, suppliant on his knees; the construction is that of the degree of difference. — aurea, etc.: merely telling of a bountiful harvest.

Epistle 13. This epistle was undoubtedly intended to accompany some production of the poet sent to Augustus, though it is in form addressed to the messenger. There is in the tone an extreme diffidence and fear of boring the foremost man of the world, which gives a hint at the reason why Horace so long declined to address any of his works to the emperor. Cf. Ep. II. 1. Introd.

1. profficiscentem: probably from some country resort, where Horace was at the time.

2. signata: merely made into a packet. — Vini: Vinius Asella (Porphyrio), or C. Vinius Fronto (Acron), otherwise unknown, some humble friend of the poet.

3. si validus, etc.: i.e. the bearer is to consider the health, spirits, and even the desire of the great man.

4. studio nostri, from zeal in my behalf. — pecces: i.e. by importunity. Cf. opera, vehemente, and sedulus (over-earnest).

6. si te forte, etc.: the poet, with a jocose allusion to the name of the messenger, warns him against too great haste in performing his task.


10. viribus, etc.: i.e. hasten as much as you like on the way, but upon arriving show your grace, and avoid clumsy behavior which might offend the fastidious court.

12. sic: correlative with ne. — ne: instead of ut non, as often with ita, where the clause which is a result may also be regarded as a purpose. Probably the construction is to be explained as a paratactic description of the sic given in the
fasciculum portes librorum ut rusticus agnum, ut vinosa glomus furtivae Pyrria lanae, ut cum pileolo soleas conviva tribulis. Ne vulgo narres te sudavisse ferendo carmina, quae possint oculos aurisque morari Caesaris; oratus multa prece, nitere porro. Vade, vale; cave ne titubes mandataque frangas.

XIV.

Vilice silvarum et mihi me reddentis agelli, quem tu fastidis habitatum quinque focis et quinque bonos solitum Variam dimittere patres, certemus, spinas animone ego fortius an tu

form of a command. “In this way, namely, don’t carry, etc.” — sub ala, etc.: the three ways of carrying the packet under his arm, which he is to avoid, are (a) the awkward vigor of the rustic who fears his burden may escape; (b) the timid concealment of the slave who fears discovery; and (c) the tight grip of the humble guest on his hat and sandals, who is dazed by the unaccustomed splendor.

14. Pyrria: said to be a slave in a comedy of Titinius.
15. pilleolo, soleas: the humble guest, having no slave, would carry his own out-door costume.
16. ne-volgo, etc.: the messenger is also warned against babbling on the way and boasting of the value and importance of his mission.
18. oratus: i.e. with questions as to his mission.
19. cave: retaining the short final syllable of comedy, and doubtless also of conversation; cf. cauneas (cave ne eas). — frangas: returning to the play upon the name of the messenger. As his wares are not fragile, the meaning must be general.

Epistle 14. This epistle is in form addressed to the poet’s steward, but is really a kind of apologue of which the moral is an exhortation to contentment and to a life suited to one’s nature. It is doubtless founded on some actual complaints of the steward.

2. fastidis: probably on account of its small proportions and its dulness. — habitatum: i.e. though it is not so small, after all. — quinque focis, etc.: i.e. families, tenants of the poet.
3. Variam: the market town of the neighborhood. — dimittere: probably to the meetings of the pagani for civil or religious purposes. Each pagus or territorial division formed a commune with corporate privileges and common religious rites.
4. certemus, let us try, i.e. in a kind of wager, to decide which of us does his duty best in his domain, Horace in self-improvement, or the steward in husbandry.
evellas agro, et melior sit Horatius an res. 5
Me quamvis Lamiae pietas et cura moratur, 10
fratrem maerentis, rapto de fratre dolentis 15
insolabiliter, tamen istuc mens animusque
fert et amat spatiis obstantia rumpere clastra.
Rure ego viventem, tu dicis in urbe beatum; 20
 cui placet alterius, sua nimirum est odio sors.
Stultus uterque locum immentum causatur inique; 25
in culpa est animus, qui se non effugit umquam.
Tu mediastinus tacita prece rura petebas,
nunc urbem et ludos et balnea vilicus optas; 30
me constare mihi scis et disedere tristem,
quandocumque trahunt invisa negotia Romam.
Non eadem miramur; eo disconvenit inter

5. res: i.e. the farm.
6. me, etc.: a confession of the poet's own weakness, opposed to the tu in v. 14. At the same time Horace justifies himself as consistent in his desire for a quiet life in the country; cf. v. 16.—quamvis, etc.: i.e. though I am detained in the city, yet my heart is there in the country.—Lamiae: possessive genitive.—pietas: the fraternal affection which causes Lamia to mourn for his brother.—cura: i.e. his trouble or sorrow.—moratur: on account of Horace's duty to console him. The person referred to is the same friend of the poet, L. Ælius Lamia, mentioned in Od. I. 26 and addressed in III. 17.
8. mens animusque, my mind and heart, thoughts and desires.
24. —spatiis, the open field, properly the race course, shut off by the barriers (clastra) in front of the carceres, or stalls in which the horses were confined till the word was given. —obstantia, which bar, by a change of point of view governing spatiis, instead of that which is really barred.
12. causatur, finds fault with; properly, assigns as the cause.
14. tu, etc.: i.e. you also are discontented, and with less consistency than I, for you were equally unsatisfied in the city.—mediastinus, a man of all work, in the city house.—tacita: i.e. you looked upon it as such a boon that you hardly dared express the wish aloud.
15. ludos et balnea: delights of the city.
16. me, etc.: but I am consistent with myself.
18. non eadem, etc.: i.e. while I should be glad to be always in the country, you are dissatisfied as soon as you get there; and the cause of this difference is that we have different views of the pleasures of life. You have no care for rural beauties,
meque et te. Nam quae deserta et inhospita tesqua credis, amoena vocat mecum qui sentit, et odit quae tu pulchra putas. Fornix tibi et uncta popina incutiunt urbis desiderium, video, et quod angulus iste feret piper et tus ocius uva, nec vicina subest vinum praebere taberna quae possit tibi, nec meretrix tibicina, cuius ad strepitum salias terrae gravis. Et tamen urgues iampridem non tacta ligonibus arva, bovemque disiunctum curas et strictis frondibus exples. Addit opus pigro rivus, si decidit imber, multa mole docendus aprico parere prato.  

Nunc age, quid nostrum concentum dividat, audi. Quem tenues decuere togae nitidique capilli, quem scis immunem Cinarae placuisse rapaci, quem bibulum liquidi media de luce Falerni, cena brevis iuvat et prope rivum somnus in herba. Nec lusisse pudet; sed non incidere ludum. Non istic obliquo oculo mea commoda quisquam

but prize only the pleasures of appetite.

23. *piper et tus*: which of course cannot be grown in Italy, but only in tropical climates.

25. *nec meretrix*, etc.: *i.e.* you complain that you have no relaxation, though your labor is of the hardest.

26. *urgues, you contend with*, implying the difficulty of the task.

27. *non tacta*, etc.: and so requiring more labor on account of previous neglect. — *bovem*, etc.: *i.e.* and have the cattle to care for besides.


31. *nunc age*, etc.: *i.e.* now look more deeply to see precisely why we differ.

32. *quem tenues*, etc.: *i.e.* the fact is I am getting old, and the pleasures I once enjoyed I care for no more. — *tenues*, fine-spun, as opposed to the coarse cloth that satisfies him now. He was sufficiently handsome then to justify personal adornment.

33. *immunem*, with empty hands, by his own personal charms. — *rapaci*: *i.e.* not usually thus pleased.

34. *media de luce*: cf. *Od. I. 1. 20.*

35. *cena brevis*: *i.e.* without many courses.

36. *nec lusisse pudet*: *i.e.* he is not ashamed of these indulgences, because they were suited to his age.

37. *istic, there*, in the country, where you are. — *obliquo*: of the glance of envy, which was anciently
limat, non odio obscuro morsuque venenat; 
rident vicini glebas et saxa moventem. 
Cum servis urbana diaria rodere mavis, 
horum tu in numerum vot:o ruis; invidet usum 
lignorum et pecoris tibi calo argutus et horti. 
Optat ephippia bos piger optat arare caballus. 
Quam scit uterque libens censebo exerceat artem. 

XV. 
Quae sit hiems Veliae, quod caelum, Vala, Salerni, 
quorum hominum regio et qualis via (nam mihi Baias

supposed to have a magic influence, 
to the injury of the object. 
38. morsu: alluding to slander, 
under the figure of the serpent’s 
ton. 
39. rident, etc.: i.e. instead of 
envy, I only excite a smile at my 
efforts at husbandry. 
40. cum servis, etc.: here Hor- 
ace returns to the tastes of his stew- 
ard, and so closes with the theme 
of discontent and an exhortation 
against it.—diaria, the measured 
rations, instead of the unlimited 
food of the country; cf. v. 42. 
41. usum, etc.: which, to the 
steward of the farm, would be free, 
not measured out like the city 
rations. 
42. argutus, shrewd, knowing 
well which was the better condition. 
43. optat...bos, etc., so the 
lazy ox desires, etc. 
44. quam scit, etc.: but let each, 
I should say, etc.; alluding to the 
common proverb, Quam quisque 
norit artem in hac se exerceat (Cic. 
Tusc. I. 18. 41). For the Greek, see 
Aristoph. Wasps, 1431), which he 
here applies to the ox and the horse, 
and through them to the country and 
the city slave, particularly the former.

Epistle 15. To a letter of in- 
quiry, addressed to a friend, Numin- 
ius Vala, in regard to the climate 
and accommodations of Velia and 
Salernum as sanitary resorts, the 
poet attaches a humorous sketch of 
himself as a self-indulgent Epi- 
curean. The moral hidden beneath 
is perhaps none the less obvious 
from the fact that the jesting mor- 
alist makes an example of himself. 
1. quae sit, etc.: the main clause 
is postponed by two parentheses to 
v. 25.—Veliae: a coast town of 
Lucania, about twenty-five miles 
southeast of Paestum. It was 
famous as the seat of the Eleatic 
school of philosophy.—caelum: 
i.e. the weather.—Salerni: Saler- 
no, still a considerable town on the 
bay of Salerno, just south of the 
promontory of Sorrento. 
2. quorum, etc.: i.e. what sort 
of people are there in the region? 
still an important question for trav- 
ellers in that country.—via: i.e. 
the means of getting there, as the 
places were off the main lines of travel.—nam mihi, etc.: the poet’s 
reason for inquiring, extending 
through v. 13.—Baias: the favor- 
ite watering-place in the Bay of
Musa supervacuas Antonius, et tamen illis me facit invisum, gelida cum perluor unda per medium frigus. Sane murteta relinqui, dictaque cessantem nervis elidere morbum sulfura contemni vicus gemit, invidus aegris qui caput et stomachum supponere fontibus audent Clusinis Gabiosque petunt et frigida rura. Mutandus locus est, et deversoria nota praeteragendus equus. ‘Quo tendis? Non mihi Cumas est iter aut Baias,’ læva stomachos habena dicet eques; sed equis frenato est auris in ore;
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14. **maior**, etc.: continuing the question in vv. 1 and 2. Inquiries as to the bread and water of the region.

15. **collectos**: *i.e.* in cisterns, rain water being less agreeable than that of wells.

16. **nam vina**, etc.: *i.e.* I ask about the water, for I don’t care for the wine there.

17. **rure meo**, etc.: the poet explains his fastidiousness in regard to the wine; *i.e.* at home in retirement he doesn’t mind what he has. — **perferre**, *get along with*; cf. I. 16. 74.

18. **ad mare**, etc.: *i.e.* in the social life of a watering-place to which he goes for relaxation. — **generosum et lene**, *fine and mellow*, as more stimulating.

19. **curas, spe.**: cf. I. 5. 17, and Od. I. 18. 4, a very common idea with the poet.

20. **tractus**, etc. continuing the questions in reference to the food.

21. **Lucanae**: *i.e.* at Velia.

22. **Phaeax**; cf. I. 2. 28 and I. 4. 15.

23. **par est**: cf. the common notion of an Epicurean tone, as in Sat. I. 3. 74.

24. **Maenius**, etc.: the poet, in order to explain the Epicurean tone of his questions, goes on to illustrate his double character by the story of a ruined *bon vivant*, who retained his appetite, but could adjust himself to circumstances. This account, though humorously exaggerated, is in perfect accord with Horace’s statement of his lapses into Aristippean philosophy. Cf. I. 1. 18, 19.

25. **fortiter**: a humorous misapplication of a noble quality to an unworthy action. The fearlessness would consist in his disregard of consequences. — **urbanus**, *a hanger on*, who lives by his wits. — **haberi, to act as*, lit. to be considered such by the patrons who invited him.

26. **vagus**: *i.e.* not dining at his own house, but wherever he could get an invitation, as explained in the following.
impransus non qui civem dinosceret hoste, quaelibet in quemvis opprobria fingere saevus, pernicies et tempestas barathrumque macelli, quidquid quaesierat, ventri donabat ávaro. Hic ubi nequitiae fautoribus et timidis nil aut paullum abstulerat, patinas cenabat omasi vilis et agninae, tribus ursis quod satis esset; scilicet ut ventres lamna candente nepotum diceret urendos corrector Bestius. Idem quicquid erat nactus praedae maioris, ubi omne verterat in fumum et cinerem, 'Non Hercule miror,' aiebat, 'si qui comedunt bona, cum sit obeso nil melius turdo, nil volva pulchrius ampla.'

29. civem dinosceret hoste: apparently proverbial, ready to accept an invitation from either.
30. opprobria, etc.: i.e. in his quality as scurra, abusing anybody to make himself agreeable. Cf. Sat. I. 4. 86–90, and Ep. I. 18. 11, as well as the English word scurrilous with its developed meaning.
33. nequitiae fautoribus: such as Hermogenes Tigelius, Sat. I. 2. 1–4. — timidis: i.e. those who were afraid of his abuse.
34. abstulerat: i.e. had failed to secure any gifts sufficient to enable him to indulge his appetite for dainties. — patinas, whole platters, indicating his greediness even when he had less inviting food than the luxuries to which he was ordinarily invited. He did not disdain this humble food, but enjoyed what he had to repletion.
36. scilicet ut, etc.: in this lies the kernel of the whole anecdote. In time of scarcity he consoled himself by becoming a reformer, and venting his abuse upon spendthrifts who, it must be remembered, were the very nequitiae fautores who fed him. It is this tone of abuse that Horace represents as corresponding to his own preaching against the vices of mankind. — ventres: in allusion to the punishment of slaves, which was made to fit the crime by branding the offending member. — lamna: cf. ignes candentesque laminæ celerique cruciatus, Cic. Verr. V. 63.
37. corrector: better than the Ms. correctus as making a more exact parallel with Horace. — Bestius (in apposition with subject of diceret): a contemporary or earlier inveigher against luxury; cf. temperance reformers in modern times.
38. praedae: Horace treats the parasite's drafts on his patrons as plunder. — maioris: cf. paullum, v. 34. His plunder in this case was sufficient to gratify his old tastes, and accordingly he lives in luxury while it lasts.
39. non Hercule miror, etc.: this remark emphasizes the fact that his preaching against extravagance is only a temporary phase, lasting only so long as he had nothing.
Nimirum hic ego sum; nam tuta et parvula laudo, cum res deficiunt, satis inter villia fortis; verum ubi quid melius contingit et unctius, idem vos sapere et solos aio bene vivere, quorum conspicitur nitidis fundata pecunia villis.

XVI.

Ne perconteris fundus meus, optime Quincti, arvo pascat erum an bacis opulentet olivae, pomisne an pratis an amicta vitibus ulmo, scribetur tibi forma loquaciter et situs agri. Continui montes, ni dissocientur opaca

42. nimirum, you see, humorously putting a construction upon his behavior which it might apparently bear, but which is not the true one. — hic: cf. I. 6. 40. — tuta et parvula, humble circumstances and careless ease, as opposed to the dangers attending dignity and riches.

43. fortis, unmoved, strong to resist the temptations of appetite. — vilia: coarse fare.

44. unctius, more toothsome and rich, as opposed to dry and humble diet. — idem, none the less; lit. the same man who was so content with humble circumstances.

45. vos: this would imply that Numonius had a villa in the neighborhood of Velia.

46. nitidis: implying that they were well stocked. — fundata, invested.

EPISTLE 16. This description of Horace’s villa, united with some moral precepts as to the true source of happiness in accordance with his philosophy, is evidently addressed to a young and successful politician. But who he was beyond his gentle name is entirely unknown, though the name agrees with the person addressed in Od. II. 11.

1. ne perconteris, etc.: i.e. for fear you should suppose that my farm is a productive source of income, I hasten to tell you that it is chiefly a charming and salutary resort for hours of retirement. We need not necessarily suppose that the estate was not a source of income at all, cf. I. 14. 2 and 26. Horace is only answering some exaggerated suppositions of his young friend.

2. arvo, etc.: the five most profitable products of husbandry in ancient times, grain, oil, fruit, cattle (cf. pratis), and wine.

4. forma et situs: these apparently show at once that none of the great products mentioned thrive there. Wine would not seem to be excluded necessarily; but as Horace expressly says it cannot be produced (cf. I. 14. 23), we may suppose the exposure indicated is unfavorable. — loquaciter: indicating that it was a theme he loved to dwell on.

5. continui montes: sc. aget
valle, sed ut veniens dextrum latus adspiciat sol, laevum discedens curru fugiente vaporet. Temperiem laudes. Quid, si rubicunda benigni corna vepres et pruna ferant, si quercus et ilex multa fruge pecus, multa dominum iuvet umbra? Dicas adductum propius frondere Tarentum. Fons etiam rivo dare nomen idoneus, ut nec frigidior Thracam nec purior ambiat Hebrus, infirmo capiti fluit utilis, utilis alvo. Hae latebrae dulces, etiam, si credis, amoenae, incoluem tibi me praestant Septembribus horis.

Tu recte vivis, si curas esse quod audis. Iactamus iam pridem omnis te Roma beatum; sed vereor, ne cui de te plus quam tibi creadas,

est.—ni dissoicentur: an early and colloquial use of present for imperfect subjunctive. The apodosis is implied in continu, to which the protasis is a kind of correction, —"they would be if they were not."

6. veniens, etc.: i.e. the valley opens to the south; being however only a little lateral valley, it was probably shaded by a high mountain directly in front. —dextrum: i.e. as you look down.

8. quid si, etc.: i.e. you would admire the climate, I am sure, but what would you say if in addition to this delightful climate, the underbrush bears berries to make the woods beautiful and perhaps also to feed flocks, the chief branch of industry. Cf. Od. I. 17.

11. Tarentum: famous for its flocks, as well as for its beauty.

12. fons: cf. Ep. I. 18. 104, and Od. III. 13.—dare: poetic and colloquial for qui det.—idoneus: i.e. large enough.—ut, such that.

14. infirmo, etc.: probably for bathing in the one case, and for drinking in the other; but cf. I. 15. 8. The emphatic repetition of utilis points to a twofold use.

15. latebrae, retreat, pointing to the chief use of the estate. —dulces, dear to me.—amoenae: i.e. really charming for anybody.


17. tu, etc.: i.e. so much for my happy condition on my estate (a happiness which is rather implied than expressed); as for you, your life must be a happy one if you endeavor to be all that you are reputed.—recte: cf. I. 6. 29; II. 2. 213; and Od. II. 10. 1.—audis: cf. Sat. II. 6. 20; Ep. I. 7. 38.

18. iactamus iam, etc.: an explanation of the preceding line. —Roma: by including himself among the people of Rome, the poet makes the verb first person plural, as if it were 'we at Rome,'

19. sed vereor, etc.: whether this antithesis to v. 18 is or is not intended to refer to anything actually existing in Quinctius' character, we cannot be sure. The probability is that the words have some foundation. Yet
neve putes alium sapiente bonoque beatum, 20  
neu, si te populus sanum recteque valentem  
dicit eti, occultam febrem sub tempus edendi  
dissimules, donec manibus tremor incidat unctis.  
Stultorum incurata pudor malus ulcera celat.  
Si quis bella tibi terra pugnata marique  
dicat, et his verbis vacuas permulceat auris:  
‘Tene magis salvum populus velit an populum tu,  
servet in ambiguo, qui consulit et tibi et urbi,  
Iuppiter,’ Augusti laudes agnoscere possis:  
cum paðeris sapiens emendatusque vocari,  
respondesne tuo, dic sodes, nomine? ‘Nempe  
vir bonus et prudens dici Ælector ego ac tu.’  
Qui dedit hoc hodie, cras, si volet, auferet, ut si  

we need not conclude that the man  
was really spoiled, but only that  
Horace saw in him a tendency to  
substitute reputation for character,  
and made that fact a text for a  
more general sermon.

20. alium sapiente: an extension  
of the construction of comparatives,  
probably imitated from the Greek.  
Cf. Ep. II. 1. 240, and  
Cic. ad Fam. XI. 2.

21. neu si te, etc.: an illustration  
drawn from a man's physical  
condition. Here, as usual, the  
simile is incorporated in the thought  
itself.

22. sub tempus edendi: the time  
when a sick man ought to  
think of his condition and abstain.  
Not doing this, he is attacked while  
at the table.

24. stultorum: the emphatic  
position gives it the force, “It is  
only fools who,” etc. — pudor ma-  

25. si quis bella, etc.: an example  
of a tribute which Quinctius  
would at once recognize as not justly  
paid to him. Why not, then, recog-  
nize any other undeserved compli- 
ment as such?

26. vacuas, listening, unoccu- 
pied by anything else.

27. tene magis, etc.: this sounds  
like a quotation, and is in fact said  
by the scholiasts to be taken from  
a poem of Varius.

28. servet: a wish that no cir- 
cumstance may arise to decide the  
question through any misfortune  
that may happen to either.

30. cum pateris, etc.: i.e. do you  
in like manner recognize this praise  
as undeserved, as you ought unless  
you are truly wise and blameless?

31. tuo . . . nomine, in your  
own name, as if the description  
were applicable to you. — nempe  
vir bonus, etc.: i.e. “I like to be  
spoken well of, and so do you”;  
an imaginary objection to Horace's  
course of reasoning, which he meets  
in the next verse.

33. qui dedit, etc.: i.e. but if the  
praise is false, being only in repu- 
tation, the people who give it can  
take it away again with equally arbi- 
trary caprice.
detulerit fascis indigno, detrahet idem.

‘Pone, meum est,’ inquit: pono tristisque recedo. 35

Idem si clamet furem, neget esse pudicum, contendat laqueo collum pressisse paternum; mordear opprobriis falsis mutemque colores? Falsus honor iuvat et mendax infamia terret quem nisi mendosum et medicandum? Vir bonus est quis?

Qui consulta patrum, qui leges iuraque servat; quo multae magnaeque secantur iudice lites; quo res sponsore et quo causae teste tenentur. Sed videt hunc omnis domus et vicinia tota introrsum turpem, speciosum pelle decora.

‘Nec furtum feci nec fugi’ si mihi dicat servus, ‘Habes pretium, loris non ureris’ aio. 45

‘Non hominem occidi.’ ‘Non pasces in cruce corvos.’ ‘Sum bonus et frugi.’ Renuit negitatque Sabellus.

34. fascis: i.e. a curule office.
36. idem si clamet, etc.: an example of undeserved calumny to offset that of undeserved honor.
37. laqueo collum, etc.: as a type of monstrous crime. Cf. Od. II. 13. 5, and Epod. 3. 1.
39. falsus honor, etc.: to be affected by mere reputation is a mark of an unsound nature, needing the healing power of good morals.
40. vir bonus, etc.: this question introduces the erroneous standards of the people, who estimate the vir bonus only from his external conduct, which may not proceed at all from a virtuous soul, but from selfish motives.
41. qui consulta, etc.: the answer of the people to the question in the preceding verse. — consulta patrum, etc.: the whole description applies to the prominent statesman, and refers to the maintenance of good government as well as obedience to the laws.
43. quo: in the ablative absolute construction. — sponsore, etc.: i.e. his faithfulness as a surety makes property secure. — teste, etc.: his honesty as a witness makes a case certain to win. — tenetur, are not lost.
44. sed videt, etc.: his true character, as known by his household and near neighbors.
45. introrsum turpem: cf. Sat. II. 1. 64.
46. nec furtum, etc.: i.e. such a man is like a slave who refrains from wrong-doing only from fear of punishment.
49. Sabellus: i.e. a strict judge, who looks at the motive. The Sabines had a reputation for preserving the old-fashioned country virtues. Cf. Epod. 2. 41; Od. III. 6. 37
Cautus enim metuit foveam lupus accipiterque
suspectos laqueos et opertum miluus hamum.
Oderunt peccare boni virtutis amore;
tu nihil admittes in te formidine poenae:
sit spes fallendi, miscebis sacra profanis;
nam de mille fabae modiis cum surripis unum,
damnum est, non facinus, mihi pacto lenius isto.

Vir bonus, omne forum quem spectat et omne tribunal,
quandocumque deos vel porco vel bove placat,
'Iane pater,' clare, clare cum dixit 'Apollo';
labra movet metuens audiri: 'Pulchra Laverna,
da mihi fallere! Da iusto sanctoque videri:
Noctem peccatis et fraudibus obice nubem!'
Qui melior servo, qui liberior sit avarus,
in triviis fixum cum se demittit ob assem,
non video; nam qui cupiet, metuet quoque; porro
qui metuens vivet, liber mihi non erit umquam.
Perdidit arma, locum virtutis deseruit, qui

50. cautas, etc.: i.e. refraining from evil-doing for fear of punishment is no more a virtue than avoiding the snare is in a brute.

55. nam de mille, etc.: i.e. one can see that you would break all laws if there were a chance of concealment, because a slight peccadillo, which is not noticed by the people, is in the eye of philosophy a crime which shows that you are not bonus et sapiens. In this passage, and down to v. 69, the poet falls into the Stoic line of argument, from which sect he doubtless draws much of his philosophy, though he often ridicules its extremes.

56. pacto isto, in that case, i.e. of the supposed trifling delinquency.

57. vir bonus, etc.: an example of the secret conduct of a man such as he has described. — forum: in his political character, cf. v. 41. — tribunal: in his judicial functions, cf. v. 42.

59. clare: opposed to labra movens.

60. Laverna: the goddess of thieves.

61. iusto: attracted to the case of mihi; cf. mediocribus esse poetis, II. 3. 372.

63. qui melior servo: and so of course not vir bonus; cf. note on v. 55. Here begins a new point; avarice also is fatal to the character of a vir bonus which is claimed.

64. in triviis fixum: doubtless proverbial as a test of cupidty; cf. Persius, V. 111.

67. perdidit arma, etc.: proverbially the deepest disgrace, to a
semper in augenda festinat et obruitur re.  
Vendere cum possis captivum, occidere noli;  
serviet utiliter: sine pascat durus aretque,  
naviget ac mediis hiemet mercator in undis,  
annonae prosit, portet frumenta penusque.  
Vir bonus et sapiens audebit dicere: ‘Pentheu,  
rector Thebarum, quid me perferre patique  
indignum coges?’ ‘Adimam bona.’ ‘Nempe pecus,  
rem,  
lectos, argentum: tollas licet!’ ‘In manicis et  
compedibus saevò te sub custode tenebo.’  
‘Ipse deus, simul atque volam, me solvet.’ Opinor,  
hoc sentit: moriar. Mors ultima linea rerum est.

Roman, as it would deprive him of his citizenship and as good as make a slave of him. — locum, the ranks, in the technical sense, as a figure.  
69. vendere cum possis, etc.: i.e. to be sure such a man is not wholly useless; he may be tolerated in society for the service he renders, but he is only a slave after all.  
70. pascat, etc.: these are all employments of money-getting, but they benefit society. — durus: cf. I. 7. 91.  
72. annonaes prosit, relieve the market, by importing grain so as to make it cheap.  
73. vir bonus, etc.: i.e. the true vir bonus will look with contempt upon all earthly good and evil, since his sumnum and solum bonum is a virtuous soul. This thought is presented in the form of a free paraphrase of the interview in which Dionysus in disguise defies the power of Pentheus of Thebes, (see Eur. Bacchae, 450 seq.). The only direct imitation is from v. 487, λύσει μ' ὀ δαίμων αὐτὸς ὑπάν ἐγὼ θέλω, which Horace interprets as referring to suicide. This is not intended in the original, but is introduced here in accordance with the general doctrine of the ancients.  
76. lectos: cf. neque ego unquam bona perdidisse dicam, si quis pecus aut supellectilem amiserit, Cic. Parad. 1. 8.  
79. linea: referring to the chalk-line which served as the goal in the circus.
XVII.

Quamvis, Scaeva, satis per te tibi consulis, et scis quo tandem pacto deceat maioribus uti, disce docendus adhuc quae censet amiculus, ut si caecus iter monstrare velit; tamen adspice si quid et nos quod cures proprium fecisse loquamur. Si te grata quies et primam somnus in horam delectat, si te pulvis strepitusque rotarum, si laedit caupona, Ferentinum ire iubebo. Nam neque divitibus contingunt gaudia solis, nec vixit male qui natus moriensque fefellit. Si prodesse tuis paulloque benignius ipsum

Epistle 17. In a social state in which so much depended upon patronage and favor as was the case in Rome at all times, and especially after the destruction of the Republic, it was of the utmost importance for young men to know how to conduct themselves with the great, so as to gain advancement in life and at the same time preserve their self-respect. Both these objects had been attained by Horace, and in this epistle he gives instructions to a young friend on this subject with his customary delicacy and wisdom. Scaeva is otherwise unknown.

1. quamvis, etc.: a modest introduction to avoid the appearance of preaching in an arrogant tone.

2. quo tandem facto, just how. The direct question asked by the intended inquirer would be, "How shall I conduct myself in consorting with my superiors?" Hence the emphatic tandem.

3. docendus adhuc: opposed sharply to disce; i.e. submit to learn from one who has still much to learn himself, at least his views, which you may take or leave, as you feel inclined.—amiculus, your humble (i.e. modest) friend.

6. si te, etc.: i.e. in the first place, it is not at all indispensable to consort with the great, but a life of obscurity, ease, and independence has its attractions, as well as a life of worldly success.—somnus: as opposed to the early rising necessary for a client, who must make the early salutatio.

7. pulvis, etc.: necessary discomforts of life in the city, where one must live to attend upon the great.

8. caupona: i.e. the noisy taverns full of brawling roisterers.

10. fefellit: cf. ἀδε βουσιας, the maxim of Epicurus.

11. si prodesse, etc.: i.e. if, on the other hand, you wish to help your friends by your advancement, and enjoy the luxuries that the rich alone possess, then you must consort with them, being yourself poor. These two conditions are humorously expressed by words which relate only to the food enjoyed by each.
ye tractare voles, accedes siccus ad unctum.
'Si pranderet holus patienter, regibus uti
nollet Aristippus.' 'Si sciret regibus uti,
fastidiret holus qui me notat.' Vtrius horum
verba probes et facta, doce, vel iunior audi
cur sit Aristippi potior sententia. Namque
mordacem Cynicum sic eludebat, ut aiunt:
'Scurror ego ipse mihi, populo tu; rectius hoc et
splendidius multo est. Equus ut me portet, alat rex, 20
officium facio: tu poscis vilia rerum 21
dante minor, quamvis fers te nullius egentem.'

13. si pranderet, etc.: the arguments for the two modes of life are
put into the mouths of Diogenes the
Cynic and Aristippus the Hedonist
(cf. I. i. 18). The anecdote from
which the interview is paraphrased
is told by Diog. Laert. II. 68. —
regibus: in the original τίπαννος,
but here used in reference to mag-
nates generally.
14. si sciret, etc.: in accordance
with the general views of Aristip-
pus, cf. I. i. 19.
15. qui me notat, i.e. my censor,
the term being derived from the
action of the Censor at Rome. —
utrius horum, etc.: the poet puts
the alternative directly, whether a
man should scorn the advantages of
intercourse with the great, like the
Cynic, or make the most of them,
like the versatile Aristippus.
16. doce, etc.: i.e. either con-
vince me, or else, being younger,
listen to my decision of the point.
17. namque, etc.: i.e. I say
Aristippus' view is better, for he
had a valid reply to the reproach of
Diogenes.
18. mordacem: in allusion to
the etymology of Cynic from κύων.
— eludebat, parried. The imper-
fact represents that his answer was
a possible regular reply to such an
argument.
19. scurror, I play the parasite,
implying that Diogenes had in
effect taunted him with being a
scurra. The reply is, "We both
are that; but I am so for my own
benefit, you for the crowd; and my
way is much happier and more
noble." — hoc: referring to his own
way, which is nearer in fact, though
farther away on the page. See
A. & G. § 102. — rectius: cf. recte,
I. 12. 2.
20. equus, etc.: translation of
a Greek proverb, ἦκκος μὲ φέρει,
βασιλεὺς μὲ τρέφει, doubtless used
in reference to courtiers.
21. officium facio, I do service,
as a dependent. — poscis vilia re-
rum: i.e. you also beg, and only
for a paltry reward. — vilia rerum:
cf. vanis rerum, Sat. II. 2. 25, and
fictis rerum, Sat. II. 8. 83.
22. dante minor: i.e. you rec-
ognize your inferiority to the poor
wretches from whom you get your
sustenance. "I at least serve a
worthy person for a worthy reward;
you serve the crowd for a wretched
fare." Diogenes and such persons
supported themselves by begging
Omnis Aristippum decuit color et status et res, temptantem maiora, fere præsentibus aequum. Contra, quem duplici panno patientia velat, mirabor vitae via si conversa decebit. Alter purpureum non exspectabit amictum, quidlibet indutus celeberrima per loca vadet personamque feret non inconcinnus utramque; alter Mileti textam cane peius et angui vitabit clamydem, morietur frigore, si non rettuleris pannum: refer, et sine vivat ineptus! 

Res gerere et captos ostendere civibus hostis, attingit solium Iovis et caelestia temptat: principibus placuisse viris non ultima laus est.

See his life in Diogenes Laertius. — fers te, you pose as.

23. omnis, etc.; i.e. and then again the man of the world can adapt himself to any circumstances, while the Cynic cannot live without his rags. — color, vicissitude, as good or evil fortune, agreeable or disagreeable incidents; cf. Sat. II. 1. 60. — status, position, as high or low. — res, circumstances, as riches or poverty.

24. temptantem: alluding to a motto of Aristippus, τὰ μὲν παρόντα στέργειν, τὰ δὲ βελτίω ζητείν.— fere, generally. — aequum, satisfied; cf. aequus animus, and Od. III. 29. 33.

25. duplici panno, the double cloak of rags, a humorous translation of δίπλοις, but with a reference to the quality of the garment as well. The rough cloak of the ascetic philosophers served a double purpose as tunic and cloak (shirt and coat). Antisthenes, the founder of the Cynic school, was said to have been the first who doubled his blanket. The reference here is to the cloak thus doubled, which became the symbolic garb of philosophers; cf. Anth. Pal. VII. 65, 66, 67, 68, and Diog. Laert. VI. i. (13), 2. (3). The purpose of the doubling is seen in the anecdote of Antisthenes (ibid. I. 16), Διογένει χιτώνα αὐτούντι πτῦχα προσέταξε θοιμάτιον. An example of the διπλοις or τρίβων may be found in Baumeister, Denkmäler, etc., under Aristotle (from Visconti, Iconographie Grecque, Vol. I. p. 230).

27. non exspectabit, etc.: i.e. he will go out without it, in such raiment as he has.

29. personam utramque, the part of either, the courtier or the ascetic. Cf. (φασὶ) Στράτωνα, οἱ δὲ Πλάτωνα πρὸς αὐτὸν εἰσέπει, Σοι μῶν δέδοται καὶ χλανίδα φορεῖν καὶ πάνως, Diod." II. 8. (67).


33. res gerere, etc.: an argument to show that the humble friend's career is an honorable one. As the most glorious career is that of a leader, so it is not an inglorious one to be the confidential friend of a leader. Je ne suis pas la rose, mais j'ai vecu avec elle.
Non cuvis homini contingit adire Corinthum.
Sedit qui timuit ne non succederet. Estō.
Quid, qui pervenit, fecitne viriliter? Atqui
hic est aut nusquam quod quae
rimus? Hic onus horret,
ur parvis animis et parvo corpore maius;
ṣ hic subit et perfert. Aut virtus nomen inane est,
aut decus et pretium recte petit experiens vir.

36. non cuvis, etc.: i.e. the
obleness of the career is shown by
the fact that everybody cannot suc-
ceed in it. This thought is put in
the form of the Greek proverb, ol
παντος ἀνδρός ἐσ Ἰορμνθν ἐσθν δ
πλοὺς. The origin of the proverb
is unknown, but its form suggests a
quotation from some play. The ex-
planation of Gellius (I. 8) referring
it to the famous courtesan Lais
sounds like a later invention. But
at any rate the proverb came to be
used of anything which everybody
could not attain.

37. sedit qui timuit, etc.: this
verse, which has the style of the sen-
tentious single-line colloquies of
the Greek tragedy, is either purposely
imitated by Horace from that style,
or it may possibly be actually quoted
from the same play as the proverb.
Although the connection is difficult,
and has been much debated, it
seems best to take the statement as
a reply to the preceding, assented
to by Horace in esto, and after-
wards turned to his own purpose in
the next verse. The sense would
be then: not every man can be the
friend of princes. To which the
other side of Horace’s mind, as it
were, replies (yes, for) he sits inac-
tive, who fears he may not succeed.
“Well, then,” says Horace, “he who
has tried and succeeded has shown
a manly spirit in doing what an-
other has feared to attempt, which
is the very point in question, whether
it is a manly thing to do or not.” —

38. pervenit: keeping up the
figure in v. 36. — fecitne, has he
not, etc.: the conclusion drawn from
the preceding, if the fear of failure
prevents men from trying to become
the friends of the great, then per
contra it shows courage and manli-
ness to try and succeed. — atqui:
i.e. you must answer, yes, and yet
that gives away the whole case, for
that is just the point, whether the
service of the great is a virile offi-
cium, and so praiseworthy, or is a
kind of slavery, and so unworthy
the true philosopher, as the Cynic
would hold.

39. quod quae
rimus, the point
at issue, here not the object of
search, but the object of inquiry. —
hic: i.e. the one who sits inactive.
— onus horret: and thereby shows
a pusillanimitiy and weakness that is
foreign to the philosopher.

41. hic subit: the one who
makes the attempt. He takes up
the burden, and carries it through
instead of shrinking from it. This
of course is an act of virtus, if there
is any such thing at all. — virtus:
apparently in this passage the
Roman meaning (cf. virtus, sturdy
manhood, and courage to do, dare,
and suffer) shines through the phi-
osophical sense in which Horace
professes to use it.

42. decus et pretium: which are
attained in the service of the great
Coram rege sua de paupertate tacentes
plus poscente ferent. Distat sumasne pudenter
an rapias. Atqui rerum caput hoc erat, hic fons.
'Indotata mihi soror est, paupercula mater,
et fundus nec vendibilis nec pascere firmus,'
qui dicit, clamat 'victum date'; succinit alter
'et mihi': dividuo findetur munere quadra.
Sed tacitus pasci si posset corvus, haberet
plus dapis et rixae multo minus invidiaeque.
Brundisium comes aut Surrentum ductus amoenum
qui queritur salebras et acerbum frigus et imbres,
aut cistam effractam et subducta viatica plorat,
as well as in the active conduct of
affairs. Cf. v. 33 seq. The two words
belong together, but decus refers
more to the honor, pretium to the
material advantages, wealth, etc.—
recte: in the adverb lies the signifi-
cant part of the expression, does well
to, etc.—experiens vir, the man of
enterprise, who makes the effort in-
stead of shrinking from it.
43. coram, etc.: in view of the
fact that the worthiness of such a
career depends much upon the man-
er in which the dependent ad-
vances himself, the poet suddenly
without warning proceeds to a cau-
tion as to the manner of conduct-
ing one's self in regard to gifts.
-rege, his patron, used in refer-
dence doubtless to the ancient rela-
tions of philosophers to kings (as of
Plato with Dionysius). Cf. regibus,
v. 14, which is translated directly
from the Greek.
44. distat: i.e. it makes a differ-
ence in the worthiness of the rela-
tion.
44. sumas: i.e. what is given
with free will, which a vir bonus
might honorably accept, cf. I. 11. 23.
45. rapias: as a persistent beg-
gar does in effect, and which is un-
worthy the man of honor.—atqui:
in the same loose adversative rela-
tion as in v. 38.—rerum caput et
fons: i.e. this was the main point,
the end and aim of your friendship
with the great, namely, to be en-
riched by gifts.—erat: probably
only used instead of est for metri-
cal reasons, but justified by the re-
ference to the original object of the
dependent, cf. fuerat, Juvenal, V. 76.
48. clamat, victum date: i.e.
such conduct is simply begging.—
succinit, chimes in, i.e. one who
begs thus will find a rival ready to
divide with him.
49. et mihi, so have I, i.e. a sis-
ter, etc.—dividuo munere: a
loose ablative of manner.—quadra,
the loaf, used generally for a gift to
provide subsistence. It is so called
from being cut across the top into
four sectors of a circle.
50. sed tacitus, etc.: alluding
to the fable of the fox and the crow.
52. Brundisium: i.e. on an
errand of business; cf. Sat. I. 5.—
comes: cf. Sat. II. 6. 42.—Surren-
tum amoenum: i.e. on a pleasure
journey, cf. I. 7. 76.
nota refert meretricis acumina, saepe catellam, saepe periscelidem raptam sibi flentis, uti mox nulla fides damnis verisque doloribus adsit. Nec semel irrisus triviis attollere curat fracto crure planum, licet illi plurima manet lacrima, per sanctum iuratus dicat Osirim:

‘Credite, non ludo; crudeles, tollite claudum!’
‘Quaere peregrinum’ vicinia rauca reclamat.

XVIII.

Si bene te novi, metues, liberrime Lolli, scurrantis speciem praebere, professus amicum. Vt matrona meretrici dispar erit atque discolor, infido scurrae distabit amicus. Est huic diversum vitio vitium prope maius,

55. nota refert, etc.: i.e. repeats the well-known tricks of the courtesan, whose rapacity was proverbial.

58. nec semel, etc.: i.e. the patron having been once deceived, becomes incredulous, like a man often deceived by a vagabond in the street who pretends to have fallen and broken his leg. — triviis: i.e. at the places where are the most passers by.

60. Osirim: intimating that such persons were usually foreigners, Egyptians, or the like.

62. quaere peregrinum, try it on a stranger, as all the town knows the trick too well; cf. “tell that to the marines.” — rauca, till it is hoarse, being made so by crying thus so often.

EPISTLE 18. This epistle, upon the same general subject as the last, is addressed to one of the Lollii mentioned in I. 2. It differs, however, from the other in that it gives directions as to the manner of conducting one’s self in intercourse with the great. It shows the same self-respect and refinement of feeling which we see in Horace’s other utterances on this subject.

1. liberrime, most independent of men, a quality at once fatal to the relation spoken of, if carried to excess, and fitted to yield the best results if wisely managed.

3. ut matrona, etc.: i.e. the friend will be as far from the toady as the matron from the harlot. — dispar, etc.: the difference is indicated in vv. 10–14.


5. huic vitio: i.e. the fault implied in scurra, and described in vv. 10–14.
asperitas agrestis et inconcinna gravisque, quae se commendat tonsa cute, dentibus atris, dum vult libertas dici mera veraque virtus. Virtus est medium vitiorum et utrimque reductum. Alter in obsequium plusaequo pronus et imid erisor lecti sic nutum divitis horret, sic iterat voces et verba cadentia tollit, ut puerum saevus dictasaevo credas dictata magistro reddere vel partes mimum tractare secundas. Alter rixatur de lana saepe caprina, propugnat nugis armatus: "Scilicet ut non sit mihi prima fides et vere quod placet ut non

6. inconcinna, uncongenial. —

gravis: cf. molestus, Sat. I. 3. 65.

7. commendat, recommends; i.e. tries to make the great man prize him by a show of excessive simplicity, honesty, and frankness, which becomes ill-mannered and disagreeable. — tonsa cute, hair cut close to the skin, as opposed to the prevailing fashion of hair carefully trimmed, but allowed to grow to some length; see next note. —

dentibus atris: such affected neglect of one's personal appearance was intended to give the impression of an artless, unsophisticated nature with the old republican simplicity.

8. libertas: i.e. a frank outspokenness which conceals no opinions, and hence is mistaken for uncompromising virtue.

9. virtus est, etc.: Horace's decision between the two styles of intercourse is given in the formula of the Peripatetic philosophy, and in accordance with his well-known views. Cf. "Estim úra ἡ ἀρετῆ ἔτις πραωριστική, ἐν μεσότητι οὐδα τῇ πρὸς ἡμᾶς ὁρισμένη λόγῳ, καὶ ὃς ἐὰν φρόνιμος ὁρίσει μεσότης δε δύο κακῶς τῆς μὲν καθ' ὑπερβολῆ τῆς δὲ κατ' ἔλευσιν, Aristot. Nicomach. Eth. II. 6. It is from this point of view that Horace so often criticises the Stoics.

10. alter: i.e. the scurra. Horace proceeds to describe in detail the two kinds of conduct. — obsequium: cf. Cic. de Am. 24. 89 seq. — imi: cf. Sat. II. 8. 23 and note.

11. derisor, the buffoon, such persons being introduced to make sport for the company. Cf. the scene at table, in Sat. I. 5. 51 seq.

12. verba cadentia, etc.: as we see them picked up and preserved by Boswell, in his Life of Johnson.

14. partes, etc.: cf. the imitations of performers and ringmaster given by the circus clown. These are no doubt survivals of the action in the mimes. For the relation of the second actor to the first, cf. Sat. I. 9. 46 and note.

15. alter: the affectedly independent friend. — rixatur: i.e. in order to show that he is no scurra, he contests every point, no matter how unimportant. This class is still found, at any rate across the Atlantic. — lana caprina: proverbial for a mere nothing.

16. armatus: indicating the
man's vehement obstinacy. — scilicet, etc.: Why! the idea that, etc.; a remark of the ill-mannered fellow in his defence, showing his misapprehension of the real case; he mistakes impertinence for honesty. For scilicet, cf. Sat. II. 1. 70; Ep. I. 9. 3, I. 10. 2.

18. elatrem: the word is purposely chosen to hint at the brusqueness of his conduct. — pretium, to buy me. — aetas altera: another life, i.e. if it could be given as a bribe. — sordet, is too poor a gift.

19. enim, well! or why! The connection really is, this vehemence is of course justifiable, for the question is, etc. — Castor, Dolichos: gladiators. — sciat plus: has more skill.

21. quem damnosa, etc.: instructions as to certain special relations, beginning with the advice not to imitate the patron in vices, particularly in expensive ones; for though he have a dozen more vices, he likes to have a friend more virtuous than himself.


23. argenti: i.e. money. — importuna, insatiable.

24. fuga: horror. — dives: this word seems to hint at the real reason of the dislike; the vices are expensive.

25. instructior: a humorous application of the word.

26. regit, wishes to direct. — pia, devoted, the word being used both of filial and paternal relations.

28. prope vera, not so far from the truth, but cf. Sat. II. 2. 100.

30. arta: the full and flowing toga, though beginning now to be common, was still considered luxurious, and belonged only to high life.

31. Eutrapelus, etc.: an anecdote to show the folly of vying with the rich patron. The person mentioned was P. Volumnius, who received this nickname on account of his wit (εὐτραπελά, cf. Cic. ad Fam. VII. 32 and 33). It will be noticed that the action here is a practical joke, like that of Philippus, I. 7. 46.
vestimenta dabat pretiosa: beatus enim iam
cum pulchris tunicis sumet nova consilia et spes,
dormiet in lucem, scorto postponet honestum
officium, nummos alienos pascet, ad imum
Thraex erit aut holitoris aget mercede caballum.

Arcanum neque tu scrutaberis illius umquam,
commissumque teges et vino tortus et ira.
Nec tua laudabis studia aut aliena reprendes;
nec, cum venari volet ille, poemata panges.
Gratia sic fratrum geminorum, Amphionis atque
Zethi, dissiluit donee suspecta severo
conticuit lyra. Fraternis cessisse putatur
moribus Amphion:
tu cede potentis amici
lenibus imperiis,
quotiesque educet in agros
Aetolis onerata plagis iumenta canesque,

32. beatus iam, now become a rich man, i.e. in his tastes and feelings.
33. sumet: the thought of Evtrapelus, he will, said he, etc. — consilia, plan of life.
35. pascet, will cultivate.
36. Thraex: cf. Sat. II. 6. 44. — holitoris, a huckster, who carried about vegetables on a horse or donkey through the streets for sale. This custom is still common in Italy, while the corresponding business is done with us in a wagon. Of course the employment of a driver of such an animal would be of the lowest kind. We should say, dig ditches, or carry mortar.
37. arcanum, etc.: i.e. be not too inquisitive as to his secrets, nor garrulous as to his confidences.
38. tortus: cf. II. 3. 435, a common idea with the ancients, derived from evidence under torture. — ira, i.e. from some offence taken at the patron.
39. nec tua laudabis, etc.: i.e. do not exalt your tastes above his, but gracefully conform to his favorite pursuits. — aliena, i.e. such as the patron's.
40. venari, etc.: this advice, accompanied by the details which follow, seems not to be merely general, but to have reference to the pursuits of the unknown patron, and the literary leanings of Lollius.
41. gratia, etc.: an anecdote showing the separating force of uncongenial tastes. — Amphionis: cf. Od. III. 11. 2.
42. suspecta: the ancients, with all their devotion to the Muses, were inclined to look upon literature and music as more or less effeminate and frivolous. — severo: the character of Zethus is represented as somewhat savage, or at least serious and warlike.
45. lenibus: i.e. only expressed in gentle invitation.
surge et inhumane senium depone Camenae, cenes ut pariter pulmenta laboribus empta: Romanis sollemne viris opus, utile famae vitaeque et membris, praesertim cum valeas et vel cursu superare canem vel viribus aprum possis. Adde virilia quod speciosius arma non est qui tractet. Scis quo clamore coronae proelia sustineas campestria; denique saevam militiam puer et Cantabrica bella tulisti sub duce, qui templis Parthorum signa refigit nunc et si quid abest Italis adiudicat armis. Ac nē te retrahas et inexcusabilis absis, quamvis nil extra numerum fecisse modumque

47. inhumane, unsocial, as exacting, and intolerant of distractions. — senium, churlishness, the ill-humor which is characteristic of literary pursuits.

49. sollemne, habitual, and so all the more appropriate for a Roman. — opus: in apposition with the whole previous exhortation. Such words expressing the result of the action of a verb are regularly in the accusative; cf. the cognate accusative. Cf. Tac. Ann. I. 74.

50. valeas, etc.: a further reason for engaging in hunting, drawn from Lollius' personal characteristics.

51. cursu, speed. — viribus, endurance.

52. adde, etc.: i.e. furthermore it is an exercise in which Lollius appears to advantage.

53. coronae, the crowd, of spectators witnessing the exercises on the Campus Martius. Cf. campo, I. 7. 59.

54. proelia: i.e. javelin throwing, and perhaps foil practice; possibly mimic cavalry battles: cf. the Game of Troy, Virg. Aen. V. 545 seq.

55. Cantabrica bella: in B.C. 25 Augustus undertook an expedition into Spain to subdue the Cantabri and Astures (cf. Od. III. 14 and IV. 14, 41). Lollius must have served in this expedition.

56. templis, etc.: alluding to the army sent by Augustus against the Parthians so often referred to. Cf. Od. IV. 15. 6 and III. 5. 4; Ep. I. 12. 27. — signa refigit: as the standards captured from Crassus and Antonius had been presumably dedicated in Roman fashion on the columns of the Parthian temples, so they are now being unhung to be restored to the Romans. The epistle must therefore have been written in B.C. 20.

57. sī quid abest, etc.: i.e. he is completing the conquest of the world. This action is spoken of as a decision of a judge who maintains the right of the Romans to universal empire and gives them possession of their domain.

58. ne te retrahas, etc.: not the purpose of what is said, but the purpose of saying it (cf. I. 1. 13), as of "I may say," or the like.

59. nil extra numerum, etc.:
curas, interdum nugaris rure paterno.  
Partitur lintres exercitus; Actia pugna 
te duce per pueros hostili more refertur: 
adversarius est frater, lacus Hadria, donec 
alterutrum velox victoria fronde coronet. 
Consentire suis studiis qui crediderit te, 
fautor utroque tuum laudabit pollice ludum. 
Protinus ut moncam, si quid monitoris eges tu, 
quid de quoque viro et cui dicas saepe videto. 
Percontatorem fugito; nam garrulus idem 
est, nec retinent patulae commissa fideliter 
aures, et semel emissum volat irrevocabile verbum. 
Non ancilla tuum iecur úlceret ulla puerve 
inha marmoreum venerandi limen amici, 
ne dominus pueri pulchri caraeve puellae

i.e. you would do nothing frivolous or trifling; you are not above representing a mimic battle, a fact which shows that you have no excuse for absenting yourself from active sports. — extra numerum modumque: i.e. unbecoming, out of character, or contrary to propriety; a regular expression drawn from the art of music; lit. out of time and tune.

60. rure paterno: i.e. in the retirement of the country, so often referred to; cf. Sat. II. 1. 73.
62. pueros: either slaves or boys, either of which classes might engage in the sport.
64. velox, winged.
65. consentire, etc.: a return to the main idea after the long parenthesis.
66. utroque: as we might say, vote with both hands. — pollice: the allusion must be to the amphitheatre, at which approval was shown by turning down the thumb (premere), but warmer approval is here expressed by turning both thumbs. The opposite to this is pollicem vertere, holding up the thumb. The origin of the custom is uncertain; perhaps it was like “pointing the finger of scorn,” and from that the opposite came to signify approval. — ludum: the regular word for gladiatorial exercise; here figuratively of the action of the client, who is approved for joining in his patron’s favorite pursuits.
67. protinus ut moneam, etc.: a warning against indiscreet comment on others’ characters, and too much indulgence shown to the inquisitive “interviewer.” Cf. Sat. II. 5. 51, although there the subject is a different one.
70. patulac: with a double reference. The ears are wide open to catch, but they for the same reason readily let go what they have heard.
72. non: cf. Sat. II. 5. 91 — ancilla, etc.: cf. Od. II. 4; Virg. Ecl. II. — iecur: the seat of the
munere te parvo beet, aut incommodus angat. 75
Qualem commendes etiam atque etiam adspice, ne mox
incitant alia peccata pudorem.
Fallimur et quondam non dignum tradimus: ergo
quem sua culpa premet, deceptus omitte tueri;
muterisque tuo fidentem praesidio; qui
dente Theonino cum circumroditur, ecquid
ad te post paulo ventura pericula sentis?
Nam tua res agitur, paries cum proximus ardet,
et neglecta solent incendia sumere vires. 80
-Dulcis inexpertis cultura potentis amici;
expertus metuit. Tu dum tua navis in alto est
hoc age, ne mutata retrorsum te ferat aura.
Oderunt hilarem tristes tristemque iocos,
sedatum celeres, agilem gnavumque remissi;
[potore bibuli media de nocte Falerni]
oderunt porrecta negantem pocula, quamvis
nocturnos iures te formidare tepores.
Deme supercilio nubem; plerumque modestus

passions, according to the ancients; cf. Od. IV. 1. 12.
75. parvo: i.e. for fear his generosity may be cooled from jealousy, even if actual enmity does not ensue (incommodus, etc.).—beet, enrich (cf. beatus), purposely used with parvo (too small) for the contrast.
76. qualem commendes, etc.: i.e. be careful for whom you make yourself responsible by introduction. — commendes: an almost technical word used as well as tradere in this sense.
77. aliena: i.e. of the friend introduced.
78. fallimur: i.e. if such a thing does happen, as it sometimes will, recognize your error and abandon the unworthy person, so that your defence may have weight in the case of one unjustly accused.
81. qui, etc.: i.e. if another is slandered, you may be sure your turn will come by and by.
82. Theonino: from Theon, an unknown calumniator, whose name passed into a proverb.
86. dulcis, etc.: a general warning of the dangers of the career to the inexperienced, and a recommendation not to be thrown off one’s guard by success.
89. oderunt hilarem, etc.: a recommendation to a certain conformity (obsequium) of one’s tastes and moods to those of one’s
occupat obscuri speciem, taciturnus acerbi.

Inter cuncta leges et percontabere doctos, qua ratione queas traducere leniter aevum; num te semper inops agitet vexetque cupido, num pavor et rerum mediocrer utilium spes; virtutem doctrina paret naturane donet; quid minuat curas, quid te tibi reddat amicum; quid pure tranquillet, honos, an dulce lucellum, an secretum iter et fallentis semita vitae.

Me quotiens reficit gelidus Digentia rivus, quern Mandela bibit, rugosus frigore pagus, quid sentire putas, quid credis, amice, precari? Sit mihi quod nunc est, etiam minus, et mihi vivam quod superest aevi, si quid superesse volunt di. Sit bona librorum et provisae frugis in annum copia, neu fluitem dubiae spe pendulus horae. Sed satis est orare iovem quae donat et aufert; det vitam, det opes, aequum mi animum ipse parabo.

friend, and an exhortation to a genial and cheerful demeanor. 95. obscuri, disingenuous, concealing his real feelings, and wanting in frankness. — acerbi, a harsh critic, in that silence seems to cover disapproval.

96. inter cuncta, etc.: a general direction as to self-culture aside from all relations with others; amid all your endeavors to please, do not forget to acquire a well-ordered soul by the study of philosophy, — a suggestion which might well perhaps have taken precedence of all the other precepts. The questions mentioned are the commonplaces of ethics.

104. me quotiens, etc.: the poet closes with a picture of his own contented life upon his little estate, perhaps as an example of the proper aim in such a career and the proper way of attaining it. He himself, by his friendship with Mæcenas, had acquired the estate, no doubt having followed his own precepts, and by the study of philosophy, recommended in vv. 96-103, had preserved his independence of worldly advancement, and the aequus animus which is the chief end of philosophy and of life. He is thus a pattern for his young friend to follow.

111. sed satis est, etc.: a correction of neu fluitem, etc., inasmuch as that condition is the result of an aequus animus which is of course in the philosopher’s own power.
Prisco si credis, Maecenas docte, Cratino, nulla placere diu nec vivere carmina possunt, quae scribuntur aquae pitoribus. Vt male sanos adscripsit Liber Satyris Faunisque poetas, vina fere dulces oluerunt mane Camenae.

**Epistle 19.** This epistle, addressed to Mæcenas, gives vent to the poet’s scorn, on the one hand, of imitators, and on the other, of envious critics. Underneath the expressions of scorn lies a defence of Horace’s own writings. The line of connection between the under-warp and the two-threaded woof is found in the implication that his imitating admirers, as well as his critics, suppose him also to be an imitator of the same calibre as themselves; but some of them are angry because he does not seek to conciliate their favor, and so they decry him in public while they admire his works in secret. Hence he attacks the imitators, shows that he is not one of them, and declares his independence of the suffrages of the throng who have no guide in art but the fashion set by the work of the imitators of the day.

1. *prisco si credis,* etc.: with the same humorous turn as in Sat. I. 3. 1-19, Horace begins his attack on the imitators by dwelling upon an accidental peculiarity of many men of genius, as if he were discussing the character of genius in sober earnest. Nor does he make clear what use he intends to make of his text until v. 17. — *prisco:* probably with reference to the *Old Comedy* to the writers of which Cratinus belonged. Cf. Sat. I. 4. 1. — *docte:* implying that, therefore, he is a judge of literature, and will understand the scope of the epistle. — *Cratino:* no extant fragment of his contains the sentiment here expressed, but he seems to have had a notoriety as a wine-bibber, and an epigram has been preserved alluding to this failing.

Cf. also Aristoph. *Pax,* 701 seq. The idea was very familiar to the ancients and became almost a proverb. Cf. Dem. *de Fals. Leg.* 46.

3. *ut,* ever since. — *male sanos:* alluding to the inspired bard (*vates*), supposed to be filled with a frenzy which raised him above ordinary mortals in intellectual power. But the source of Horace’s statement is unknown.

4. *adscripsit,* enrolled, as his regular followers. The idea is, ever since the remotest antiquity, the votaries of the Muses have been drinkers of wine. — *Satyris Faunisque:* these deities are really the same, the latter being the less gross Italian representatives of the former. The latter also had a prophetic power which makes them still more appropriate here. Cf. Ennius, V. 221.

5. *oluerunt mane:* cf. *putere diurno,* v. 11. — *Camenae:* the character of the poets is ascribed to the Muses themselves.
Laudibus arguitur vini vinosus Homerus; Ennius ipse pater nunquam nisi potus ad arma prosiluit dicenda. 'Forum Putealque Libonis mandabo siccis, adiamam cantare severis.'

Hoc simul edixi, non cessavere poetae nocturno certare mero, putere diurno.

Quid si quis vultu torvo ferus et pede nudo exiguaeque togae simulet textore Catonem, virtutemne repraesentet moresque Catonis?

Rupit Iarbitam Timagenis aemula lingua, dum studet urbanus tenditque disertus haberi.

Decipit exemplar vitiis imitabile. Quodsi

6. laudibus: cf., among other passages, II. VI. 260. — vinosus, a wine-drinker, producing his poetry under that stimulus.

7. Ennius, etc.: the chief evidence of the statement is the fact that Ennius suffered from the gout.

8. prosiluit: as if he himself were the warrior he describes. — Forum, etc.: i.e. the sober business of life to the exclusion of poetry. — Puteal: a famous locality in the Forum, frequented by the money-lenders. Cf. Sat. II. 6. 35.

10. hoc simul edixi, as soon as I have laid down this law, like a pretor administering justice. — non cessavere: the poet gradually approaches the turn which he means to make. (As soon as I have thus maintained that poets are given to wine-drinking, all those who desire to be poets adopt the practice of wine-bibbing.)

12. quid si quis, etc.: i.e. but is it sufficient to copy external habits or garb in order to reproduce an inward nature? Obviously not, and this brings the poet to the point he is aiming at. This point he brings out by an example where an un-known Iarbitas was ruined by imitating the caustic wit of a man of genius, thinking thereby to be like his model. — ferus, rough, as not polished by culture. — pede nudo: i.e. in the old rough style of early republican times.

13. exiguae: the early republican Romans wore the toga in scanty folds and closely bound around the body (cf. I. 18. 30), while the imperial style became more and more flowing. — textore: an ablative of means in the same construction as vultu. The weaver is treated as one of the means. — Catonem: probably the Elder.


17. decipit: i.e. in that we mistake the faults of a great man for the real causes of his greatness, and so proceed to imitate them. — vitiis: ablative of respect.
pallerem casu, ibibert exsangue cuminum.
O imitatores, servum pecus, ut mihi saepe bilem, saepe iocum vestri movere tumultus!
Libera per vacuum posui vestigia princeps,
non aliena meo pressi pede. Qui sibi fidet,
dux reget examen. Parios ego primus iambos
ostendi Latio, numeros animosque secutus
Archilochi, non res et agentia verba Lycamben.

Ac ne me foliis ideo brevioribus onres
quod timui mutare modos et carminis artem,
temperat Archilochi Musam pede mascula Sapho,
temperat Alcaeus, sed rebus et ordine dispar,

18. pallerem, etc.: i.e. this tendency proceeds so far that men will imitate the accidents of the moment (cf. casu).—exsangue: as producing that effect.

19. O imitatores, etc.: here the poet fully un masks his battery, and tells plainly what he has been driving at.

20. tumultus, worrying and fussing, as opposed to the steady pursuit of some definite object.

21. libera: opposed to servum. Horace here begins to distinguish his own action from that of the imitators, in that he has followed worthy examples, to be sure, but in an independent spirit, and with such changes as, confident in his own powers, he had thought best to make, acting therein in the same manner as his great predecessors.—per vacuum, through an unoccupied field, as the Epodes certainly were.—posui vestigia, I have traced a course.—princeps, a pioneer.

22. non aliena, etc., I have not placed my feet in another’s track.

23. dux reget examen, will be the queen of the hive.—Parios: i.e. of Archilochus of Paros.—iambos:

referring to the Epodes, which are modelled after the caustic productions of Archilochus. Cf. Od. I. 16. 24.

25. non res: i.e. his subjects and his terms of expression are his own, and not borrowed from his original.—agentia, which pursued.—Lycamben: one of the objects of the elder poet’s satire. This person, having refused Archilochus as a son-in-law, was attacked by him with such virulence that he is said to have hanged herself along with his daughter Neobule.

26. ac ne me, etc.: he here justifies the imitation that he has allowed himself, by the examples of Sappho and Alcaeus, who did the same.—foliis brevioribus, scantier laurels.

27. timui, have not ventured.—modos, the measures, i.e. the metre.—caminis artem, the structure of the song, i.e. the form of the strophe.

28. temperat, models, lit. regulates.—Archilochi: depending on pede.—pede, on the measure, following his metre. Examples of Archilochian metres are Od. I. 4, IV. 7; Epod. II. 13.

29. ordine, manner, properly,
nec socerum quae rit quem versibus oblinat atris,
nec sponsae laqueum famoso carmine nectit.
Hunc ego non alio dictum prius ore Latinus
vulgavi fidicen; iuvat immemorata ferentem
ingenuis oculisque legi manibusque teneri.
Scire velis mea cur ingratus opuscula lector
laudet ametque domi, premat extra limen iniquus?
Non ego ventosae plebis suffragia venor
impensis cenarum et tritae munere vestis;
non ego, nobilium scriptorum auditor et ультor,
grammaticas ambire tribus et pulpita dignor.
Hinc illae lacrimeae. "Spissis indigna theatris
scripta pudet recitare et nugis addere pondus."

arrangement of ideas, but apparently including course of treatment,
so that his poetry is not satirical.
30. **nec socerum**, etc.: *i.e.* his
poetry is not abusive like that of
Archilochus. Cf. v. 25 and note. —
**atris**: as blackening the character.
31. **famoso**, abusive, as making
the person attacked **famosus**. Cf.
v. 25 and note.
32. **Latinus**: as opposed to the
33. **iuvat**: *i.e.* I am proud to do
so. — **inmemorata**, words before
unheard. Cf. II. 2. 117.
34. **ingenuis**: alluding to the
class of readers for whom he writes.
Cf. v. 37, and also *Sat.* I. 10. 81–87.
35. **scire velis**, etc.: *i.e.* that
being the case, if you are surprised
that I am disparaged by the critics
in public, I will say it is precisely
for the reason that I do not toady to the
crowd, nor to the pedantic critics.
36. **ventosae**, fickle, in matters
of art, just as in politics, from which
last sphere the whole figure is drawn.
37. **impensis**, etc.: not literally,
but continuing the figure of political
canvassing. These are the means
used by the political aspirant to
whom Horace compares himself.
38. **nobilium scriptorum**, etc.: *i.e.*
Horace does not seek the favor
of the lower orders of literary work-
ers, but hears only the works of the
great, and repays in kind. He
consorts only with the choice spirits
of the Augustan circle.
— **ambire tribus**: continuing the
figure. — **pulpita**: the readers’ desk,
which Horace does not frequent, as
do others, to recite his works. Cf.
*Sat.* I. 4. 73.
40. **hinc illae lacrimeae**: a pro-
verbal expression derived from Ter.
*And.* 126, for “there’s where the
trouble is.” He means, it is be-
cause I refuse to recite my works,
and submit them to the approval of
the crowd, that they disparage me.
— **spissis indigna**, etc.: the excuse
of Horace for not reciting. — **thea-
tris**: not necessarily the theatre
proper, though such recitations may
have taken place in these, but **public
halls**. Cf. *Sat.* I. 10. 38. — **spissis,**
crowded.
41. **addere pondus**: *i.e.*, by giv-
si dixi, ‘Rides,’ ait, ‘et Iovis auribus ista
servas; fidis enim manare poetica mella
te solum, tibi pulcher.’ Ad haec ego naribus uti
formido, et luctantis acuto ne secer ungui,
‘Displicet iste locus,’ clamo, et diludia posco.
Ludus enim genuit trepidum certamen et iram,
ira truces inimicitias et funebre bellum.

XX.

Vertumnum Ianumque, liber, spectare videris,
scilicet ut prostes Sosiorum pumice mundus.

ing them such publicity, and making
so much of them.
43. rides, ait, etc.: i.e. when I
excuse myself thus, these men won’t
believe me, but ascribe it to arro-
gance, and to scorn of other literary
men.
44. manare: in a rare active
sense.
45. naribus uti, turn up my
nose.
46. formido: i.e. he is afraid of
offending them on account of their
slanderous tongues, and so he simply
refers his disinclination to the place
of recitation, and refuses to argue
the case further.
47. diludia, a truce in the con-
test; the allusion is to the off-days
or intervals between gladiatorial
fights (ludi), to which he compares
his argument with his opponent.
48. ludus, such sport, properly
the fighting of gladiators, but with
a side reference to the original
meaning of the word, sport. —
genuit: gnomic perfect. — trepi-
dum certamen, hot rivalry.
49. funebre bellum, bloody war-
fare, as the climax of the contest of
words between Horace and the
critics.

EPISTLE 20. This epistle forms
the epilogue to the first book of
Epistles, and is addressed to the
book itself, personified as a young
slave brought up in the house, but
now tired of restraint, and wishing
to seek his fortune in the world out-
side. The characteristics of book
and slave are confused in a manner
that is puzzling and incongruous to
us, but to the less fastidious imagi-
nation of the ancients, who con-
stantly confounded the figure with
the thing signified, was not objec-
tionable.
1. Vertumnum: at the corner
of the Forum between the Palatine
and Capitoline stood a statue of
Vertumnus (cf. Sat. II. 3. 228) near
which were the book shops in the
Vicus Tuscus, which led from the
Forum through the low ground
towards the Tiber. The word stands
here as indicating one of the promi-
nent objects of the booksellers’
quarter. — Ianum: apparently the
arch over the Vicus Tuscus, where
it led out from the Forum.
2. scilicet, forsooth, in a mocking
vein, implying the folly of the pur-
pose. — prostes: figuratively ap-
pplied to the exposure for sale at the
Odisti clavis et grata sigilla pudico; paucis ostendi gemis et communia laudas, non ita nutritus. Fuge quo descendere gestis. Non erit emisso reditus tibi. 'Quid miser egi? Quid volui?' dices, ubi quis te laeserit; et scis in breve te cogi, cum plenus languet amator. Quodsi non odio peccantis desipit augur, carus eris Romae donec te deseret aetas; contractatus ubi manibus sordescere vulgi coeperis, aut tineas pasces taciturnus inertis aut fugies Vticam aut vincus mitteris Ilerdam. Ridebit monitor non exauditus, ut ille, qui male parentem in rupes protrusit asellum iratus: quis enim invitum servare laboret?


3. clavis, sigilla: with a double meaning as with the other words, the keys of the bookcase and the chamber as well.

4. gemis: i.e. from love of admiration, here ascribed to the book in its personified character. — communia: like publicum, the public streets accessible to all.

5. non ita, etc.: i.e. the slave had been brought up to shun admiration as a modest young person. — fuge: i.e. since you will have it so, go your way. — descendere: cf. Od. III. 1. 11, and Ep. I. 7. 48 with note.

6. quid miser, etc.: the words of regret of the slave (book) when he sees the consequences of his wilfulness.

7. quid volui, what was I thinking of? — laeserit: alluding to the abuse of critics.

8. in breve, etc., reduced to straits. — languet: i.e. when readers are tired of you.

9. aetas, youth (as often), the figure being kept up throughout.

10. contractatus, etc.: of the wearing out of youth and beauty. — ubi: opposed to donec te, etc.

11. taciturnus: i.e. unread.

12. fugies, etc.: i.e. you will be packed off to the provinces as unsalable merchandise.

13. monitor: i.e. Horace himself, who impliedly has endeavored to dissuade him from his purpose. — non exauditus, unheeded.

14. qui male parentem, etc.: i.e. the driver tried to prevent the ass from going over a precipice, but not succeeding, shoved him over, bidding him go to destruction, since he was determined to go. Of course the loss would be the driver's after all.

15. pueros elementa, etc.: i.e.
occupet extremis in vicis balba senectus.

Cum tibi sol tepidus pluris admovertit auris,
me libertino natum patre et in tenui re
maiores pennas nido extendisse loqueris,
Ut quantum generi demas virtutibus addas;
me primis urbis belli placuisse domique;
corporis exigui praecanum solibus aptum
irasci celerem, tamen ut placabilis essem.

Forte meum si quis te percontabitur aevum,
me quater undenos sciat implevisse Decembris,
collegam Lepidum quo duxit Lollius anno.

the book would be used to teach boys their letters. For this purpose, slaves acted as schoolmasters.

18. extremis, etc.: i.e. in out-of-the-way places, "hedge schools."

19. cum tibi sol, etc.: here Horace skilfully inserts an account of the author of the book, which he puts into the mouth of the supposed slave. If the words are taken in immediate connection with the preceding verse, they must be supposed to refer to the words of the schoolmaster to his pupils. But it is much better to connect them with the general subject, and so refer them to the book as it is exposed for sale in the Vicus Tuscanus. — sol tepidus: i.e. the declining sun of afternoon, when it was cool enough for people to be about the streets and visit the book-stalls. Thus he would have a larger audience.


21. maiores, etc.: i.e. for a higher flight, a rise in life.

22. quantum, etc.: i.e. the lower his origin, the greater his merit in achieving distinction.

23. primis, etc.: cf. I. 17. 35 and Sat. II. 1. 76. — belli domique: limiting primis, i.e. warriors and statesmen.

— solibus aptum: fond of the sun, i.e. of sunning himself for warmth, as was the habit of the Romans, perhaps with a hint at a fondness for lounging. Cf. I. 7. 10 seq.


27. Decembris: as the month of his birth. — undenos: notice that the Latin regularly uses the distributives in multiplication (bis bina, twice two).

28. collegam, etc.: in the year B.C. 21. Lollius was first elected consul, and afterwards Lepidus was chosen as his colleague; hence duxit.
LIBER SECVNDVS

I.

Cum tot sustineas et tanta negotia solus, res Italas armis tuteris, moribus ornes, legibus emendes, in publica commoda peccem, si longo sermone morer tua tempor, Caesar.

Epistle I. In the life of Horace ascribed to Suetonius it is said: [Augustus] scripta eius usque adeo probavit ut ... post sermones lectos nullam sui mentionem habitam ita sit questus: "Irasci me tibi scito quod non in plerisque eiusmodi scriptis mecum potissimum loquaris. An vereris ne apud posteros tibi infame sit, quod videaris familiaris nobis esse?" expressitque eclogam cuius initium est: Cum tot sustineas, etc.

At any rate the poet's personal relations with Augustus seem to have been of the most formal character. He may well without hypocrisy have joined in the praise addressed to the restorer of peace and good order, and he doubtless appreciated his patron's many good qualities; but in all his allusions to Augustus, there seems to be something perfunctory: "If Alexander wishes to be a god, let him be a god." The tone of Epistle I. 13 is entirely inconsistent with any unaffected personal relations between Horace and Augustus. In fact, Augustus was one of the class of men that Horace was engaged all his life in ridiculing and unmasking, an actor, a poseur, a sham. It is entirely in harmony with this view that Horace, being requested to address an epistle to the monarch, should have attached such an address to this poetical treatise on literary taste at Rome, a subject in which Augustus was thought (perhaps even by himself) to be interested. Nor was Horace so unskilful an artist as not to be able to dovetail the treatise to its address with a smooth joint. The binding pin is the wise acquiescence of the Romans in their present form of government, taken in connection with their dissatisfaction with the present tendencies of literary art, and its present representatives. This was a subject in which Horace did have an interest, and he makes it carry the load of a tribute to his patron, as poets are often bound to do whether that patron is a crowned head, or a semi-cultivated Demos.

2. moribus ornes, etc.: Augustus took it upon himself to reform the morals of the state. Cf. Suet. Oct. passim., also Od. IV. 15. 9.

4. morer tua tempora, waste your time, though the Latin has a much more picturesque implication. It represents Augustus' time as fully employed in the great duties of state, each moment (hence the plural) devoted to some particular duty from which he would be detained
Romulus et Liber pater et cum Castore Pollux, post ingentia facta deorum in templum recepti, dum terras hominumque colunt genus, aspera bella componunt, agros adsignant, oppida condunt, ploravere suis non respondere favorem speratum meritls. Diram qui contudit hydram notaque fatali portenta labore subegit, comperit invidiam supremo fine domari. Vrit enim fulgore suo qui praegravat artis infra se positas, exstinctus amabitur idem. Praesenti tibi matures largimur honores iurandasque tuum per numen ponimus aras, nil oriturum alias, nil ortum tale fatentes. 

Sed tuus hic populus sapiens et iustus in uno, te nostris ducibus, te Grais anteferendo, cetera nequaquam simili ratione modoque

by the necessity of reading the poet's trivial discourse, if it should be made too long. The reader will notice that the excuse, as usual with Horace, is made far more complimentary than any performance could be. Cf. Sat. II. 1. 12.

5. Romulus, etc.: i.e. all the great benefactors of the race before you have failed of recognition in their lifetime, and only attained divine honors after their death.

9. ploravere, had to mourn. — favorem, applause.

12. invidiam, etc.: i.e. only by his death did he finally overcome jealousy and hatred. — domari: as if that too were a monster like the others.

13. urit: i.e. and so excites the animosity of lesser minds whom his greatness throws in the shade. — artis, etc., the virtues that lie below him, i.e. inferior minds.

14. extinctus, etc.: i.e. as a dead man he ceases to be a rival, and is then appreciated.

15. praesenti, among us, i.e. while still alive we give you the honors for which the others had to wait till their death. — matures, timely, as not too late for you to enjoy.

16. iurandas, to witness oaths, used transitively, as often, perhaps following Greek usage. With this construction, however, is combined the more common one with per. As to the fact, cf. Claudius natus est Lugduni eo ipso die (B.C. 10) quo primum ara ibi Augusto dedicata est (Suet. Claud. 2); and Templua, quamvis seiret etiam proconsulibus decerni solere, in nulla tamen provincia nisi communi suo Romaeque nomine recepit, nam in urbe quidem pertinacissime abstinuit hoc honore (Suet. Octav. 52).

18. sed tuus, etc.: in this line begins the neatly wrought joint. In
aestimat, et nisi quae terris semota suisque temporibus defuncta videt, fastidit et odit, sic fautor veterum, ut tabulas peccare vetantes, quas bis quinque viri sanxerunt, foedera regum vel Gabiiis vel cum rigidis aequata Sabinis, pontificum libros, annosa volumina vatum, dictitavit Albano Musas in monte locutas.

Si, quia Graiorum sunt antiquissima quaeque scripta vel optima, Romani pensantur eadem scriptores trutina, non est quod multa loquamur:

this one thing the people are sound, but not so in literary matters, in which they affect to prefer the old to the new.

21. nisi quae, except those who, applying, in translation, the statement to the authors instead of their works, as in fact Horace does. — terris semota, passed from the earth. — suisque temporibus de-functa, finished their allotted existence.

23. sic fautor, such a partisan. The nouns in -tor are so adjectival in their nature, that they can take an adverb, as here. In fact, almost any noun can be restored to its original adjective meaning, if it has not been specialized too much. Cf. late regem, Virg. Æn. I. 21. — veterum, of antiquity, neuter. — tabulas: the Twelve Tables, which constituted the oldest collection of laws at Rome.


26. pontificum libros: books of ritual and religious law kept by the pontifices from the earliest use of writing. Cf. provocatiorem autem etiam a regibus suisse declarant pontificii libri, significat nostri etiam augurales, itaque ab omni indicio poenaeque provocari licere indicant XII tabulae compluribus legibus, Cic. de Rep. II. 31. 54, where it will be noticed that they are cited as authority along with the Twelve Tables. — volumina vatum: the most ancient works of this description are the Sibylline books; but as these were in Greek, Horace could hardly have referred to them except by a careless use of language. As oracles and prophecies were kept with great care, we must supposè there were collections of these preserved, which may be referred to here. Cf. Religio deinde (B.C. 212) nova objecta est ex carminibus Marcianis. Vates hic Marciius illustris fuerat, et cum conquisitio priore anno ex senatus consulto talium librorum fieret, in M. Aemili praetoris urbani qui eam rem agebat manus venerant. — Livy XXV. 12. 3.

27. Albano in monte: i.e. like another Parnassus, a seat of the Latin Muses. — Musas, etc.: i.e. that these antiquated writings, without any literary merit, were uttered directly by the goddesses of song, simply because they were ancient.

28. si quia Graiorum, etc.
nil intra est olea, nil extra est in nuce duri; venimus ad summum fortunae: pingimus atque psallimus et luctamur Achivis doctius unctis. Si meliora dies, ut vina, poemata reddit, scire velim chartis pretium quotus adroget annus. 35 Scriptor abhinc annos centum qui decidit, inter perfectos veteresque referri debet an inter viles atque novos? Excludat iurgia fnis. 'Est vetus atque probus centum qui perficit annos.' Quid, qui deperit minor uno mense vel anno, inter quos referendus erit? Veteresne poetas, an quos et praesens et poster a respuat aetas? 'Iste quidem veteres inter ponetur honeste, qui vel mense brevi vel toto est iunior anno.' Vtor permiss o, caudaeque pilos ut equinae paullatim vello et demo unum, demo etiam unum, dum cadat elusus ratione ruentis acervi,

_i.e._ if, because the Greek authors are better in proportion to their age, we must hold the same of the Romans, there is nothing more to be said; it is like applying the same rule to the olive and the walnut, an extension of an analogy to a case of exactly the opposite nature, which shows utter folly and misapprehension.

31. *nil intra est*, etc.: apparently proverbial for an analogy between two things utterly unlike, as in the olive the soft part is outside and in the nut inside.

32. *venimus*, etc.: _i.e._ we have conquered the Greeks in arms, therefore (according to the false analogy) we must be better than they in all the arts as well.

34. *si meliora dies*: an example of the argument called Sorites, which proceeds as by the gradual diminution (or increase) of a pile of sand, asking how many grains one must take away (or add) to make it cease (or begin) to be a pile. So the poet calls upon the admirer of antiquity to set a limit of age at which an author shall be admirable, and then proceeds by the method of the Sorites to show the impossibility of setting up age as a criterion of merit.

35. *quotus annus*, _how many years_; properly, which year in order of succession, first, second, etc.


43. *iste*, etc.: the reply of the opponent.

45. *utor permiss o*, _I take advantage of the concession._—*caudae*, etc.: a mixed allusion to the old fable of Sertorius (Val. Max. VII. 3. 6) and to the φακρός, a sophism like the Sorites, cf. v. 34 note.

47. *cadat*, _fails, loses his case._—
HORATI EPISTVLAE.  [Lib. II.

qui redit ad fastos et virtutem aestimatum annis
miraturque nihil nisi quod Libitina sacravit.

Ennius et sapiens et fortis et alter Homerus,
ut critici dicunt, leviter curare videtur
quo promissa cadant et somnia Pythagorea.
Naevius in manibus non est et mentibus haeret
paene recens?  Adeo sanctum est vetus omne poema.
Ambigitur quotiens uter utro sit prior, aufert
Pacuvius docti famam senis, Accius alti;
dicitur Afrani toga convenisse Menandro,
Plautus ad exemplar Siculi properare Epicharmi,
vincere Caecilius gravitate, Terentius arte.
Hos ediscit et hos arto stipata theatro
spectat Roma potens; habet hos numeratque poetas

elusus, baffled, a fencing word; cf.
I. 17. 18.—ratione, by the argument,
i.e. the Sorites.—acervi: a
translation of σωπός, from which the
name of the argument is derived.

48. fastos, the calendar, i.e. reck-
oning the years.


51. leviter curare, to heed little,
i.e. have no cause to be anxious, in-
asmuch as his fame is assured. The
allusion is to his epitaph, ascribed to
himself:

Nemo me dacrums decoret nec funera fletu
Faxit. Cur? Volto vivus per ora virum; —
or some similar expression of the
poet. See also Cum somniavit
[Ennius] ita narravit: Visus Ho-
merus adesse poeta. Cic. Acad. Pr.
II. 16. 51.

52. quo cadant, what becomes of.
—promissa: see note v. 51.
—Pythagorea: the allusion is to
the doctrine of Metempsychosis held
by Pythagoras, in accordance with
which doctrine Ennius appears to
have dreamed that he was inhabited

VI. 10, 11. See also sic enim ait
Ennius in Annalium suorurn prin-
cipio ubi se dicit vidisse in somnis
Homerum dicentem fuisse se quon-
dam pavonem et ex eo translatam
esse animam in se. Schol. in Per-
sium.

53. Naevius, etc.: another in-
stance to prove the popularity of
the ancient poets.

54. paene recens: i.e. in spite
of his age, he is known almost as if
he had written but yesterday.

55. ambigitur, etc.: another way
of expressing that these authors are
held in repute.

56. docti, skilful.—senis, old
worthy, in reference to their anti-
quity.—alti, inspired, in reference
to his lofty style.

57. toga: an allusion to the
fabula togata, or play on a Roman
subject, of which Afranius was a dis-
tinguished author.—convenisse,
would have fitted; i.e. his style is
such as the Greek comedian would
have written if he had treated Ro-
man subjects.

58. properare, to bustle, in refer-
ad nostrum tempus Livi scriptoris ab aevo.
interdum vulgus rectum videt, est ubi peccat.
Si veteres ita miratur laudatque poetas
ut nihil anteferat, nihil illis comparat, errat.
Si quaedam nimis antique, si pleraque dure
dicere credit eos, ignave multa fatetur,
et sapit et mecum facit et Iove iudicat aequo.
Non equidem insector delendave carmina Livi
esse reor, memini quae plagosum mihi parvo
Orbilium dictare, sed emendata videri
pulchraque et exactis minimum distantia miror.
Inter quae verbum emicuit si forte
decorum et si versus paullo concinnior unus et alter,
iustus totum ducit venditque poema.
Indignor quicquam reprehendi, non quia crasse
compositum illaepideve putetur, sed quia nuper,
 nec veniam antiquis, sed honorem et praemia posci.
Recte necne crocum floresque perambulet Attae
ence to the rapid and drastic action
of the plays of Plautus.
63. interdum vulgus, etc.: i.e. in the indiscriminate admiration for these ancients, the Roman public is in many respects right, but not so when it praises only these, and sees nothing equal or superior in modern times.
67. ignave, carelessly, of the cases where the ancient poets disregard the labored perfection which in Horace's view should be the aim of art, cf. Sat. I. 10. — multa: sc. dicere.
68. Iove aequo, with the favor of Jove, as securing him a sound head.
71. Orbilium: evidently Horace's early instructor. Cf. Sat. I. 6. 76, and Suet. de Gramm. 9. — dictare: apparently the education of Roman youth consisted chiefly in learning by heart (cf. v. 60) from dictation (cf. Sat. I. 10. 75) the Greek and Roman poets. — sed emendata, etc.: i.e. while Horace does not despise the old poets, he wonders that their faults are not seen by their admirers.
72. exactis, perfection.
75. totum ducit, takes the whole with it, making all alike seem fine.
76. indignor, etc.: i.e. he finds fault with the fact that excellence is not made the criterion, but antiquity.
79. recte necne, etc.: i.e. when I inquire whether the old plays ought to keep the stage, they think I have lost all shame to doubt that what was good enough for the famous old actors must be the best possible. — crocum: the stage was perfumed with saffron water. Cf. Et cum scaena croco Cilici perfusa recens est.— Lucr. II. 416.
76. flores: there is no other allusion
fabula si dubitem, clament perissae pudorem
cuncti paene patres, ea cum reprehendere coner,
quae gravis Aesopus, quae doctus Roscius egit;
vel quia nil rectum nisi quod placuit sibi ducunt,
vell quia turpe putant parere, minoribus et quae
imberbi didicere senes perdenda fateri.
Iam Saliare Numae carmen qui laudat, et illud,
quod mecum ignorat, solus volt scire videri,
ingeniis non ille favet plauditque sepultis,
nosra sed impugnat, nos nostraque lividus odi.
Quodsi tam Graecis novitas invisa fuisset
quam nobis, quid nunc esset vetus? Aut quid haberet,
quod legeret tereretque viritim publicus usus?

80.  
is: a writer of plays, T. Quinctius Atta
is mentioned by several ancient
authors. He seems to have died
B.C. 78.
81.  
etres, elders, intimating that
their conservatism belongs to their
age.
82.  
gravis: as especially great in
(heavy) tragedy. — Aesopus: a
tragic actor, a friend of Cicero, and
the father of the spendthrift men-
tioned in Sat. II. 3. 239. Cf. Vidi
... in Aesopo familiari tuo tantum
ardorem voltuum atque motuum
ut cum vis quaedam abstractione a
sensu mentis videretur. Cic. de
pro Arch. VIII. 17. Both these
actors had for some time been dead,
but could be remembered by the
older men.
83.  
nil rectum, etc.: i.e. because
they are so opinionated that they
make their own taste the criterion.
84.  
turpe putant, etc.: i.e. be-
cause they are too proud to admit
that their juniors can be wiser than
they, or that anything new has been
learned since they were young.
86.  
imam Saliare, etc.: a still
more emphatic statement of the
same general idea. Such admirers
of antiquity wish to be thought the
only critics of sound taste, and
praise the ancients not from real
admiration for them, but from envi-
ous hatred of the moderns. — imam,
now (the fact is). — Saliare: cf.
Salios item Marti Gradivo (Nuna)
legit... et per urbem ire canentes
carmina cum tripudiis sollemnique
sallatuis iussit, Livy I. 20; and Salio-
rum carmina vix sacerdotibus satis
intellecta, Quint. I. 6. 40. The
hymns are here mentioned as a type
of the antiquity referred to. The
words must not be taken literally,
but only as a kind of reductio ad
absurdum of the principle of these
critics.
92.  
legeret, etc., for the univer-
sal public to read and wear out
by indiscriminate use. — viritim:
used of anything which is done to
or by every man indiscriminately.
usus: properly belonging only to
tereret, but by a fusion of ideas
put for the people themselves.
Vt primum positis nugari Graecia bellis
coeptit et in vitium fortuna labier aquea,
nunc athletarum studiis nunc arsit equorum,
marmoris aut eboris fabros aut aeris amavit,
suspendit picta vultum mentemque tabella,
nunc tibicinibus nunc est gavisa tragoedis;
sub nutrice puella velut si luderet infans,
quod cupide petit, mature plena reliquit.
Quid placet aut odio est, quod non mutabile credas?
Hoc paces habuere bonae ventique secundi.
Romae dulce diu fuit et sollemne reclusa
mane domo vigilare, clienti promere iura,
cautos nominibus rectis expendere nummos,
maiores audire, minori dicere per quae

93. ut primum, etc.: the poet here describes the rise of art in Greece and Rome, showing that it was the passion for novelty, and the recognition of new artists, which made the Greeks superior in their works of art. With this is coupled a statement of the practical spirit of the earlier Romans which prevented them from attaining the excellence that among the Greeks bloomed of a sudden on account of the leisure afforded by prosperity.—nugari, to divert itself, as compared with the serious business of the earlier wars.

94. vitium: in the true Roman spirit, Horace calls all such frivolities faulty, and so impliedly puts the Roman practical serious pursuits above the Greek trifling, while at the same time he asserts the Greek superiority in these trifles.

96. fabros, workers in, etc.

99. sub nutrice, etc.: i.e. they were like children in their inconstancy, captivated by one object and, soon satiated, leaving it for another. All this refers to the novitas of v. 90.

101. quid placet, etc.: i.e. and naturally, for that is the law of taste, that variety should be attractive.

102. paces, times of peace; see Gr. A. & G. 75, 3 c.

103. Romae, etc.: i.e. at Rome, on the other hand, the people were devoted to political and economic pursuits and moral culture (cf. I. 3. 323 seq.); hence they could not be expected to practise the frivolous arts; but cf. v. 108 for the change which took place under Augustus. —reclusa, with open doors, expecting a throng of clients, who came to make the morning call and get advice (cf. promere iura). This receiving of visits was a necessary duty of a politician.

104. mane: cf. Sat. I. 1. 10; Ep. I. 7. 75.—vigilare, be up early.

105. cautos, secured. —rectis, good, in a commercial sense.

106. maiores, etc.: to listen to, and in turn to dispense, worldly wisdom. Upon receiving the toga virilis, the young Roman was put in charge of some statesman or warrior, to learn his duties as a citizen
crescere res posset, minui damnosa libido. Mutavit mentem populus levis et calet uno scribendi studio; puerique patresque severi fronde comas vincti cenant et carmina dictant. 110

Ipse ego, qui nullos me adfirmo scribere versus, invenior Parthis mendacior, et prius orto sole vigil calamum et chartas et scrinia posco. Navem agere ignarus navis timet; habrotonum aegro non audet nisi qui didicit dare; quod medicorum est promittunt medici; tractant fabrilia fabri: scribimus indocti doctique poemata passim.

Hic error tamen et levis haec insania quantas virtutes habeat, sic colligé. Vatis avarus non temere est animus, versus amat, hoc studet unum; 120 detrimenta, fugas servorum, incendia ridet;


107. minui, etc.: cf. the elder Horace's instructions to his son, Sat. I. 4. 105.

108. mutavit, etc.: i.e. but now we have changed all that, and have suddenly become frivolous like the Greeks, and the natural consequence is that everybody writes, whether well or ill. This is apparently inserted to account for the poor quality of much that is written. The mistake made by the critics is in classing all alike,—a side glance at the main theme again.—calet, is fired.

109. severi: i.e. who should be devoted to more serious pursuits.

110. fronde, etc.: i.e. as devotees of the Muses.—dictant, improvise, dictating them on the spot to a slave to take down.

111. ipse ego: Horace, with his usual humor, includes himself among the objects of his satire.

112. Parthis: proverbial; cf. per-fide Albion, and the British idea of French disingenuousness.

113. vigil: cf. vigilare, v. 104. —scrinia, books; the article itself is not distinguishable from the capsà or book-holder; it evidently contained rolls, intended here perhaps to be translated or imitated, as that was the way in which the poetry he is speaking of was written.

114. navem, etc.: i.e. all other professions are recognized as requiring preparation, but anybody can write, they think. —habrotonum: a bitter herb, used as a remedy for several diseases. Cf. Pliny, H. N. XXI. 92 (160). It is doubtless chosen here as a common and innocuous remedy.

118. hic error, etc.: the poet jocosely enumerates the advantages that after all flow from this craze.

119. sic collige: cf. Sat. II. 1. 51.—vatis avarus, etc.: i.e. this passion keeps the poet from covetousness.

121. detrimenta, etc.: i.e. in
non fraudem socio puero vivit siliquisque et pane secundo; militiae quamquam piger et malus, utilis urbi, si das hoc, parvis quoque rebus magna iuvari. Os tenerum pueri balbumque poeta figurat, torquet ab obscenis iam nunc sermonibus aurem; mox etiam pectus praeeceptis format amicos, asperitatis et invidiae corrector et irae, recte facta refert, orientia tempora notis instruit exemplis, inopem solatur et aegrum. Castis cum pueris ignara puella mariti disceret unde preces, vatem ni Musa dedisset? Poscit opem chorus et praesentia numina sentit; caelestis implorat aquas docta prece blandus, avertit morbos, metuenda pericula pellit;

consequence of his freedom from greed of gain, the poet is undisturbed by losses, and does not commit crime for money.

123. vivit siliquisque, etc.: i.e. he is free from luxury. — siliquisque: properly pods, but put here for all kinds of leguminous vegetables, as cheap food. — secundo: i.e. of the poorer quality.

124. militiae: may be construed either as dative or locative. — urbi: i.e. though he is of no use in war, he does perform a useful function as a teacher of morals.

125. si das, etc.: i.e. if you admit that even the great object of the well-being of the state is aided also by slight influences in favor of good morals. Of course the condition is really an implied assurance of the fact.

127. torquet, etc.: i.e. by familiarizing the youth with elegant diction from his earliest age, the poet keeps him pure and clean in language. — iam nunc, even then; i.e. from his infancy, before his mind and heart can yet be affected.

128. mox etiam, etc.: i.e. later the moral precepts can take effect.

130. recte facta, virtuous deeds; in the past to serve as examples for the future. — tempora, generation. — notis, famous, i.e. he gives currency among the next generation to the well-known examples of virtue.

131. solatur: i.e. by the examples and precepts which he presents. — aegrum, sick at heart.

132. pueris, puella: cf. Carmen Saeculare, esp. v. 6; also Decreverre pontifices ut virgines ter novenan per urbem eunte carmen canerent. Id cum in Iovis Statoris aede discerent conditum ab Livio poeta carmen, etc.; the narrative continues in reference to another rite: Tum septem et viginti virgines longam indulce vestem carmen in Junonem reginam canentes ibant, Livy, XXVII. 37. Similar rites must have been very ancient in Italy. Cf. Dionys. Hal. I. 21.
impetrat et pacem et locupletem frugibus annum. 
Carmine di superi placantur, carmine Manes.

Agricolae prisci, fortés parvoque beati, condita post frumenta, levantes tempore festo corpus et ipsum animum spe finis dura ferentem, cum sociis operum, pueris et coniuge fida, Tellurem porco, Silvanum lacte piabant,

138. Manes: i.e. Di Manes, the gods below.
139. agricolae prisci, etc.: the mention of the employment of poetry in sacred rituals affords a natural transition to a description of the rise of literature from festal rites in Rome independent of Greek influence, and the later fuller development of literary taste and activity under that influence, and further to a statement of the present hindrances and discouragements with which the poet has to contend.—agricolae, etc.: Horace refers, no doubt correctly, the origin of Latin poetry, so far as there was any, to primitive harvest festivals, at which songs were sung of a merry kind, accompanied with good-natured chaffing and raillery.
140. spe finis, etc.: i.e. as the festivity marks the end of the year's labor, so its expectation, confirmed by the recurring festival, has sustained the laborer through the year.
141. cum sociis operum: the numerous allusions to the union of slaves and freemen in these festivals, make it almost necessary to take sociis as referring to slaves, the two groups being put together without a connective; cf. Od. III. 17. 16; Epod. 2. 65, and Marquardt, Privatleben, p. 172. Probably Horace's picture does not go very far back.
142. Tellurem porco, etc.: in the general inosculatio of all Roman cults with each other, there is no known festival that exactly cor-
responds to this description. After harvest, on the 25th of August, a sacrifice called Opeconsiva was made, and Ops can hardly be distinguished from Tellus, but details of this sacrifice are wanting. Later in the year, about Dec. 15, after the sowing of the new crop, there was a festival, the Feriae Sementivae; later still came the Saturnalia, and in January the Paganalia, a rustic festival to Tellus and Ceres (hardly distinguishable divinities); cf. Ov. Fast. I. 663 seq. Horace may refer to any of these, or his words may be a confused allusion to all of them.—porco: for some reason or other the pig was the special sacrifice to Ceres, and all other Chthonic deities. Cf.
Placentur matres frugum, Tellusque Ceresque
Farre suo gravidæ visceribusque suis.
It is to be noticed that this animal especially belongs to settled life, and so to the life of husbandry, as opposed to a nomadic life, in which the herds accompanied their owners in their wanderings. It formed also the special food of the countryman throughout Italy, the only animal that was not too valuable to kill.—Silvanum: here as the god of pasture, which was one of his provinces, as opposed to agriculture represented in Tellus.—lacte: cf. silvicolam tepido lacte precare Palm (another pastoral divinity), Ov. Fast. IV. 746. —piabant, appeared
floribus et vino Genium, memorem brevis aevi. Fescennina per hunc inventa licentia morem versibus alternis opprobria rustica fudit, libertasque recurrentis accepta per annos lusit amabiliter, donec iam saevus apertam in rabiem coepit verti iocus et per honestas ire domos impune minax. Doluere cruento dente laecessiti, fuit intactis quoque cura condicione super communi ; quin etiam lex poenaque lata, malo quae nollet carmine quemquam describi : vertere modum formidine fustis ad bene dicendum delectandumque redacti.

Graecia capta ferum victorem cepit et artis

lit. made pius, a word which is applied to gods in their relation to men, as well as vice versa ; cf. pia mater, Ep. I. 18. 26 and note.

144. Genium: this word, from the same root as gigno, expressed to the Romans a very vague and ill-defined conception, as were all their religious conceptions. It evidently at first meant a divinity that presided over the birth of the individual. Cf. lectus genialis, Ep. I. 1. 87, and Genium appellant Deum, qui vim obtineret rerum omnium generandarum, Paul. Diac. p. 71. This divinity would seem to have been supposed to be an attendant spirit, and to fix in some manner the person's destiny through life. (Cf. Ep. II. 2. 187.) Either originally or later it was identified with the soul of the person. (Cf. genio indulgere, genium curare, placare, and Od. III. 17. 14.) Slaves were wont to entertain their master by this genius, and it was especially worshipped on birthdays. Here it is identified with the worshippers (hence memorem).

145. Fescennina, etc.: the allusion is to the Fescennine verses, so called from their origin in Fescennium, a town of Etruria. The fullest description of them is found here. But there are many allusions to them in other authors. Cf. Livy, VII. 2; Sen. Medea, 107 and 112. They were in the chaffing, abusive tone that the Italians seem to have loved. They survived chiefly in wedding ceremonies.

151. intactis, etc.: cf. Sat. II. 1. 23.

152. lex: in the Twelve Tables. This provision has not been preserved, except as quoted by St. Augustine, but the verb used was occentassit. Cf. Sat. II. 1. 82. Another provision which has been partially preserved, qui malum carmen incantassit, refers to incantations.

155. ad bene dicendum, etc.: i.e. poetry was improved, and made to praise and please. Horace may have in his mind here the songs sung in the triumphal processions, which were a curious mixture of mocking and eulogy.

156. Graecia, etc.: Livius Andronicus, the earliest poet of Rome.
intuit agresti Latio; sic horridus ille defluxit numerus Saturnius et grave virus munditiae pepulere, sed in longum tamen aevum manserunt hodieque manent vestigia ruris.

Serus enim Graecis admovit acumina chartis, et post Punica bella quietus quaerere coepit, quid Sophocles et Thespis et Aeschylus utile ferrent. Temptavit quoque rem si digne vertere posset, et placuit sibi natura sublimis et acer, nam spirat tragicum satis et feliciter audet,

in so far as he produced a continuous work, was a native of Tarentum, and was brought to Rome as a slave by M. Livius Salinator. All his works were translations from the Greek. His first play was presented B.C. 240. Cf. Livy VII. 2; Cic. Brut. 72; de Sen. 50. Naevius (B.C. 235) was a citizen of Campania, but mostly followed Greek originals. Plautus (born B.C. 254) was an Umbrian, but only adapted Greek plays. Ennius (born B.C. 239) was a Calabrian, and followed Greek models with close imitation. Cf. Antiquissimi doctorum, qui idem et poetae et semigraeci erant, Livium et Ennium dico, quos utraque lingua domi forisque docuisse adnotatum est, nihil amplius quam Graecos interpretabantur aut si quid ipsi Latine composuisset praelegebant, Suet. de Gramm. I.

158. numerus Saturniius: the old Roman metre, which was supplanted by the hexameter. It was a rude kind of iambic catalectic septenarius, with occasional omission of the arsis (which alone to Horace’s ear would make it horridus), and occasional accented short theses. Cf. Naevius’ epitaph attributed to himself: Immortalis mortales si foré t fas fère, etc.; and his epigram on the Metelli:

Fató Metéli Római flunt cónsules;
also:
Terrá pestém tenēto sálus hic manéto.
— Varro, R. R. 1. 2. 27.
and others in Allen’s Remnants of Early Latin, p. 95.— virus: i.e. the venom of the old rustic poetry.

159. munditiae, decency, improvement in elegant manners.

161. serus, only late (its usual meaning), agreeing with a Romanus implied in victorem.

162. post Punica, etc.: i.e. not till then. Cf. the dates given above.

— quieta: i.e. it was at the close of the Punic wars that he found the repose necessary for study.

163. Thespis: loosely used of the supposed earliest playwright.

164. temptavit, etc.: i.e. he began to study (v. 161) and then tried also to imitate.— rem, the matter, i.e. disregarding the style; another reason for v. 160. — vertere, reproduce, a little more than translate.

165. placuit sibi: i.e. he was satisfied with his efforts, and did well enough, saving the exception in v. 167.— natura, etc.: i.e. the Roman, from his serious nature, was well fitted for forms of composition requiring strength and intensity.

166. spirat tragicum (cognate accusative), he breathes the tragic style. Cf. spirantes bellum, Lucr. V.
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sed turpem putat inscite metuitque lituram.
Creditur, ex medio quia res arcessit, habere sudoris minimum, sed habet comoedia tanto plus oneris, quanto veniae minus. Adspice Plautus quo pacto partes tutetur amantis ephebi, ut patris attenti, lenonis ut insidiosi, quantus sit Dossennus edacibus in parasitis, quam non adstricto percurrat pulpita socco. Gestit enim nummum in loculos demittere, post hoc securus cadat an recto stet fabula talo.
Quem tulit ad scaenam ventoso gloria curru, examimat lentus spectator, sedulus inflat.
Sic leve, sic parvum est, animum quod laudis avarum subruit aut reficit. Valeat res ludicra, si me palma negata macrum, donata reducit opimum.

392; i.e. the same idea as sublimis, etc., but here applied to the stage as the preceding refers to character generally. — audet: i.e. is successful in these higher flights.
167. turpem, etc.: i.e. but he thinks it a shame to correct his first rough inspired effort, and hence his work lacks elegance.
168. creditur, etc.: i.e. the common idea is that comedy is easier, as not requiring the higher flights on account of the every-day nature of the subject; but what he has said of tragedy is even more true of comedy.
170. adspice, etc.: i.e. see how carelessly Plautus, for instance, sustains the parts which he attempts. The form is ironical.
173. quantus: cf. note to adspice, v. 170. — Dossennus: a regular character in the Atellane farces, and put for a rude clown such as are found in those farces. The name is also said to be that of a writer of Mimes; at any rate he must be an example of careless writing: cf. v. 174.
174. non adstricto, down at the heel: the carelessness of the writer is transferred to the character on the stage.
175. gestit, etc.: i.e. he does not care for art, but only for money. — post hoc: i.e. having got that.
176. cadat: i.e. fails. — recto talo, square on its feet.
177. quem tulit, etc.: i.e. if a poet, as nowadays is the case, is led to write comedies for glory instead of for money, he is easily affected by the attitude of the spectator. It is implied that the uncertainty of pleasing keeps men from writing for the stage; cf. v. 180. — ventoso, wind-wafted, as uncertain and changeable on account of the instability of the popular taste.
178. lentus, unmoved.
180. valeat, etc.: i.e. I am sure
Saepe etiam audacem fugat hoc terretque poetam, quod numero plures, virtute et honore minores, indocti stolidique et depugnare parati, si discordet eques, media inter carmina poscunt aut ursum aut pugiles, his nam plebecula gaudet. Verum equitis quoque iam migravit ab aure voluptas omnis ad incertos oculos et gaudia vana. Quattuor aut plures aulaea premuntur in horas, dum fugiunt equum turmae peditumque catervae; mox trahitur manibus regum fortuna retortis, esseda festinant, pilenta, petorrita, naves,

that would be my case; I bid good by to the comic stage if my happiness depends on the uncertain favor of the spectator.

182. saepe etiam, etc.: another reason why men do not write for the stage. —audacem, the boldest; i.e. one who ventures to try it once, as it were, and meets with this discouragement.

183. plures: i.e. the plebecula of v. 186.

184. depugnare, etc.: i.e. they are unwilling to yield to the better taste of the higher class (eques), but are ready to fight it out and have their way by main force.

185. carmina: i.e. the verses of the play.

186. ursum: i.e. a bear-baiting.

187. verum equitis, etc.: i.e. but the fact is, that the taste of the higher classes, too, has deteriorated, and even they take more pleasure in spectacular plays with “live horses” and “real water” than in the true dramatic art.

188. incertos, restless; i.e. the various spectacle draws their eyes now this way and now that, while they do not look upon any one thing long enough to take any thought of the meaning of the whole (hence vana). —vana, idle, mere pleasures of sense which have no thought or even emotion behind them.

189. quattuor, etc.: i.e. a real battle is presented (cf. the modern realistic drama), lasting four or five hours. —premuntur: it must be remembered that the ancient curtain rolled down, instead of up, as with us.

191. mox trahitur, etc.: i.e. after the battle, the triumph is represented. Cf. Sat. I. 6. 23, and note.

—regum fortuna: a common poetical figure by which the fortunes of the kings are put for the kings themselves. Translate, kings of fallen fortune. The case of Perseus is perhaps the most pathetic.

192. esseda: the war chariot of the Gauls. —pilenta: a covered two-wheeled carriage, the regular conveyance of matrons, and also of vestal virgins and priestesses; as these latter accompanied the triumphal procession, the reference here may be to them. —petorrita: a covered carriage differing from the pilentum in having four wheels (whence its name). It hardly appears who rode in it in a triumph.

—naves: all sorts of representa-
captivum portatur ebur, captiva Corinthus. Si foret in terris, rideret Democritus, seu diversum confusa genus panthera camelo, sive elephas albus volgi converteret ora; spectaret populum ludis attentius ipsis ut sibi praeabantem mimo spectacula plura; scriptores autem narrare putaret asello fabellam surdo. Nam quae pervincere voces evalueru solemn, referunt quem nostra theatra? Garganum mugire putes nemus aut mare Tuscum: tanto cum strepitu ludi spectantur et artes divitiaeque peregrinae! Quibus oblitus actor cum stetit in scaena, concurrit dextera laevae.

195. diversum, etc., the hybrid creature panther confused with camel, i.e. the camelopard, or giraffe, brought to Rome by Julius Caesar, B.C. 46, to grace the Ludi Circenses held at his triumph. — genus: apposition; but cf. suspensi loculos, Sat. I. 6. 74.

196. elephas albus: then as now a rarity.

198. ut sibi, etc.: i.e. he, in accordance with his reputed habit, would be more amused by the folly of the spectators than by the player.

199. scriptores, etc.: the statement of the point he is aiming at, that authors have little encouragement to write for such a public. — asello, etc.: a curious combination of two proverbs, surdo narrare fabulam and ὅν τίς ἐλευθέρως, ὃ δὲ τὰ δύτη ἐκνευρ. Zenobius, V. 42.

200. pervincere, overpower.

201. evalueru: cf. the gnomic perfect.


203. artes, works of art (as often), such as statues and vases, which were carried in the triumphal processions referred to in v. 191 seq.
'Dixit adhuc aliquid?' 'Nil sane.' 'Quid placet ergo?'
'Łana Tarentino violas imitata veneno.'
Ac ne forte putas me quae facere ipse recusem,
cum recte tractent alii, laudare maligne;
ille per extentum funem mihi posse videtur
ire poeta, meum qui pectus inaniter angit,
irritat, mulcet, falsis terroribus implet,
ut magus et modo me Thebis modo ponit Athenis.
Verum age, et his qui se lectori credere malunt
quam spectatoris fastidia ferre superbi
curam redde brevem, si munus Apolline dignum
vis complere libris et vatibus addere calcar,
ut studio maiore petant Helicona virentem.

207. lana, etc.: i.e. the magnificent dress of the actor. The same effect is often produced by the modern actress' wardrobe.—Tarentino: cf. Nepos Cornelius qui divi Augusti principatu obiit: Me, inquit, iuvene violacea purpura vigebat, cuius libra denaris centum venibat, nec multo post rubra Tarentina. Huic successit dibapha Tyria, quae in libras denaris mille non poterat emi. Plin. Nat. Hist. IX. 39 (63). The ancient purpura, made from the shellfish of the Mediterranean, had a very wide range, including reds (on the crimson side) almost to black, browns, oranges, lilacs, mauves, as well as what we should now call purple, all the colors seen in the modern pansy.—veneno, drug, perhaps a translation of φάρμακον.

208. ac ne forte, etc.: i.e. for fear you should think I damn with faint praise the works of poets in a line which I do not attempt myself, and so you should distrust my opinion on the state of the art, I assure you that I think the dramatic art is the most difficult, and merits the highest praise when it is well done, in that its effect is so powerful upon the spectator.

209. maligne, grudgingly, meagerly, the opposite of benign, generously; cf. Od. I. 9. 6.

210. per extentum, etc.: apparently proverbial for difficulty.

212. irritat, etc.: by the vividness of dramatic presentation.

213. Thebis, Athenis: the usual scenes of the heroic tragedy.

214. verum age, etc.: the poet now turns from the stage to published works. This is a branch worthy of consideration if Augustus wishes to encourage literature, so as to fill the Palatine library with worthy productions.

216. Apolline: the Palatine library was attached to the temple of Apollo, dedicated to him as the leader of the Muses. Cf. I. 3. 17 and note.

217. addere calcar, to apply an additional spur.

218. Helicona, etc.: i.e. as the seat of the Muses, to which their votaries would resort.
Multa quidem nobis facimus mala saepe poetae, ut vineta egomet caedam mea, cum tibi librum sollicito damus aut fesso; cum laedimur, unum si quis amicorum est ausus reprendere versum, cum loca iam recitata revolvimus irrevocati, cum lamentamur non apparere labores nostros et tenui deducta poemata filo, cum speramus eo rem venturam, ut simul atque carmina rescieris nos fingere, commodus ullo arcessas et egere vetes et scribere cogas.

219. multa quidem, etc.: *i.e.* we ourselves are partly to blame in several respects, first, when we are not cautious in presenting our productions to you at proper times. We thereby produce an unfavorable impression. Cf. the tone of I. 13, and Sat. II. 1. 18. — *quidem*: concessive, opposed to *sed tamen*, v. 229. — *mala*: harm.

220. vineta, etc.: proverbial, like "cut one's own nose off," of doing one's self an injury. It is implied that Horace himself had thus offended. Cf. citations under v. 219, as well as Sat. I. 3. 63. — *caedam*, cut down, not merely prune.

221. cum laedimur, etc.: *i.e.* or second, when we are too sensitive to criticism, and are offended by it.

222. cum loca, etc.: or third, when in our conceit we repeat, without being asked, what we consider a fine passage. — *recitata*: of course in this case the poem is supposed to be presented by the author in person, and read to the patron, as was done by Virgil in the case of the Marcellus passage, *En*. VI. 860 seq. — *revolvimus*: notice the form of the ancient book, a roll unwound on one side, and rewound after being read on the other. — *irrevo-

cati*: the regular word for *recall, ask to repeat*, is *revocare*, derived from the stage; cf. Cic. *pro Arch.* 18.

224. cum lamentamur: *i.e.* or fourth, when we complain that our work is not appreciated in proportion to the labor we expend on it, and the subtlety (*tenui*) of the art which is in it.


226. cum speramus, etc.: *i.e.* or when we hope for an instantaneous result in patronage even before we have accomplished anything. — *eo rem venturam, that the result will be, i.e.* that we shall have the good luck to get a commission at once to write. These things, he would say, are to be earned by worthy production, not voluntarily given in advance.

227. fingere: *i.e.* are engaged in composition. — *commodus*: *i.e.* obligingly. — *ultra*: *i.e.* going out of your way to invite us in.

228. egere vetes: *i.e.* put us out of danger of want by presents. The erroneous idea in these cases
Sed tamen est operae pretium cognoscere, quales aedituos habeat belli spectata domique virtus, indigno non committenda poetae. Gratus Alexandro regi magno fuit ille Choerilus, incultis qui versibus et male natis rettulit acceptos regale nomisma Philippos. Sed veluti tractata notam labemque remittunt atramenta, fere scriptores carmine foedo splendidida facta linunt. Idem rex ille, poema qui tam ridiculum tam care prodigus emit, edicto vetuit ne quis se praeter Apellen pingeret aut alius Lysippo duceret aera.

is that poems are to be paid for in advance.

229. *sed tamen*, etc.: *i.e.* though we often injure our prospects by the faults enumerated, still it is well worth while for the patron to take an active part in looking out for a worthy herald of his praises.— *cognoscere*, to consider well, examine into the case and determine; an almost judicial word in this sense.

230. aedituos (*μουσαγωγός*), temple guides, ciceroni, the guardians of a temple who, like the sacristan in modern times, showed visitors about, and dilated upon the beauties of statues and pictures. Cf. Cic. *in Verr.* II. iv. 59. 132. The figure has too much local color to be at once appreciated in English. The virtue is set up in a temple as an object of veneration, and the poet is the cicerone who points out its beauty or sanctity, or what not. Only a great poet is worthy to perform such service.

232. *gratus*, etc.: *i.e.* to be sure, Alexander allowed Choerilus with his wretched verses to win solid coin, but this is only an exception, and usually a poor writer dims the praises of the hero he sings.

233. Choerilus: a wretched poet who was in favor with Alexander, and wrote his exploits.— *incultis, uncouth.*— *male natis, ill-fated,* *i.e.* doomed to failure from their birth, the opposite of *felix.*— *versibus, for,* etc., but in the Latin, dative (*to their credit*).

234. rettulit acceptos, pocketed, a mercantile term, meaning to put to the credit side of an account. The poems are the *nomen* to which the credit is made.— *regale nomisma, good royal coin,* implying that it was a regal reward.

235. *tractata notam*, etc.: cf. the English proverb of touching pitch.— *remitunt, leave,* properly give off.

236. *foedo*: almost like the British "nasty," but with the figure sustained as in *splendida, linunt* (*besmirch,* and so dim the brightness).

237. *idem rex ille*, etc.: *i.e.* that was the only case in which he was so unwise.

fortis Alexandri voltum simulantia. Quodsi iudicium subtile videndis artibus illud ad libros et ad haec Musarum dona vocares, Boeotum in crasso iurares aere natum.

At neque dedecorant tua de se iudicia atque munera, quae multa dantis cum laude tulerunt, dilecti tibi Vergilius Variusque poetae: nec magis expressi vultus per aenea signa quam per vatis opus mores animique virorum clarorum apparent. Nec sermones ego mallem repentis per humum quam res componere gestas, terrarumque situs et flumina dicere et arces montibus impositas et barbara regna, tuisque auspiciis totum confecta duella per orbem, claustraque custodem pacis cohibentia lanum, et formidatam Parthis te principe Romam,

242. artibus, works of art (abl. of respect), alluding to Alexander's taste in selecting these great artists, as opposed to his foolish approval of Chorerlius.

243. vocares: i.e. if you had called in his judgment to decide on books, etc., you would have sworn he was a dull Boeotian, if we are to judge by the choice he made of a poet. As to the tense, cf. Sat. I. 3. 4. The nature of the use of tenses is best seen by supposing Horace to speak, say, of Maecenas, in which case he would say voces and iures.

244. Boeotum, etc.: cf. Cic. de Fato, 4, Athenis tenue caelum, ex quo acutiores etiam putantur Attici, crassum Thebis, itaque pingues Thebani. This estimate of the Boeotians was proverbial in antiquity. It no doubt began at Athens.

245. at neque, etc.: i.e. but in your case your poets justify your choice, nor is there less expressiveness in the poet's art than in the sculptors to whom Alexander gave so much praise. The implication is that Augustus is superior to Alexander in this respect.

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250. nec sermones, etc.: the poet, from the mention of Varius and Virgil, naturally comes to say why he himself is not to be reckoned with them, and so he gracefully ends his epistle with a compliment.—sermones: cf. Sat. I. 1. 1 and note; Ep. II. 3. 95; Sat. II. 6. 17.

251. repentis, etc.: as opposed to the flight of poetry.—res gestas: cf. I. 17. 33.

252. terrarum, etc.: i.e. the description of the countries conquered.

255. claustra, etc.: alluding to the closing of the temple of Janus by Augustus in B.C. 29, B.C. 25, and again, perhaps, B.C. 10.

256. Parthis: cf. I. 12. 27; Sat. II. 5. 62. Doubtless the reason why these are so often mentioned is to
si quantum cuperem possem quoque: sed neque parvum carmen maiestas recipit tua, nec meus audet rem temptare pudor, quam vires ferre recusent. Sedulitas autem stulte quem diliget urget, praecipue cum se numeris commendat et arte; discit enim citius meminitque libentius illud, quod quis deridet quam quod probat et veneratur. Nil moror officium quod me gravat, ac neque ficto in peius voltu proponi cereus usquam, nec prave factis decorari versibus opto, ne rubeam pingui donumero munere et una cum scriptore meo capsam porrectum operta deferar in vicum vendentem tus et odores et piper et quicquid chartis amicitur ineptis.

be found in the fact that they had been so long the most dreaded enemies of Rome, though the actual events of their subjection were not very memorable.

258. recipit, admit, i.e. is too great for, so that you would not be justified in receiving it; and, on the other hand, my modesty is too great to allow me to try.

260. sedulitas, officious devotion. — stulte: with emphasis, i.e. it is foolish for one to do so. — urget, depreciate, as a man of inferior talent would do in attempting to exalt the object of his praise.

261. praecipue, etc.: i.e. especially in an ambitious work like poetry, in which art and grace count for so much. For the good is forgotten, but the faults are remembered.

264. officium, dutiful service, i.e. a tribute of respect such as a poem would be. — gravat, lowers my dignity. — ac, and consequently. — neque: i.e. neither to be represented in portraiture (a truism, with which the other is compared), nor to be praised in ill-wrought verse (any more than the first). Cf. Od. I. 6. 5.


268. cum scriptore, etc.: i.e. that we should both be consigned to oblivion. The figure treats only of the poem, which is supposed to be carried off packed up in a waste-paper basket, to be used for wrapping-paper. Into this oblivion (regardless of the figure, except in porrectus, stretched out as on a bier), the eulogized is to accompany his eulogist.

269. vicum: i.e. the Vicus Tuscus. With this jest the letter closes in Horace's usual manner.
II.

Flore, bono claroque fidelis amice Neroni, si quis forte velit puerum tibi vendere natum Tibure vel Gabii et tecum sic agat: 'Hic et candidus et talos a vertice pulcher ad imos fiet eriteque tuus nummorum milibus octo, verna ministeriis ad nutus aptus eriles, litterulis Graecis imbutus, idoneus arti cuilibet; argilla quidvis imitaberis uda; quin etiam canet indoctum sed dulce bibenti. Multa fidem promissa levant, ubi plenius aequo laudat venales qui volt extrudere merces.

Epistle 2. Horace's friend, Florus, the same to whom Ep. I. 3 is addressed, being absent with Tiberius on some expedition, had complained of the poet's silence, and had demanded the ode which had been promised him. Horace, half in jest and half in earnest, gives excuses both for not writing (vs. 1–24) and for not sending the ode. The excuses for the last are (a) that the stimulus of the ambition of his earlier career is withdrawn by his success (24–54); (b) that advancing years are beginning to extinguish his powers (55–57); (c) that tastes are so different that it is useless to try to satisfy anybody (58–64); (d) that writing at Rome amid so many hindrances is impossible (65–86); (e) that the guild of poets is a mutual admiration society, and if he writes himself he will be obliged to listen to their works as well. This last excuse leads him to the true attitude of the poet, and the true spirit of poetry itself, the difficulty of the art, and finally to his favorite topic of ethical culture, and to a discussion of his own moral condition.

1. Neroni: Tiberius; cf. I. 3. 2.
2. Tibure vel Gabiis: i.e. as opposed to foreign slaves, a verna sold at private sale. Cf.

Civis non Syriaca Parthiaeva.
Nec de Cappadocis eques catastis
Sed de plebe Remi Numaeque verna.
Mart. X. 76. 2 seq.

4. candidus: of his complexion.
— pulcher: of his form.
5. fiet erique: a double expression, as often in legal forms.
— nummorum: i.e. sesterces.
— milibus octo: about $350 or $400, a common price for a choice slave. Cf. Dig. XXI. 1. 57.
6. imbutus: i.e. with just a smattering of—idoneus, etc.: i.e. he has capacity for being educated in any art.
7. argilla: i.e. he is young and docile, and you can make what you will of him.
8. indoctum: i.e. he has not been trained yet, but has a voice that already is pleasing at a symposium, where not much is demanded.
9. multa, etc.: i.e. I will say
Res urget me nulla, meo sum pauper in aere.
Nemo hoc mansonum faceret tibi, non temere a me quivis ferret idem. Semel hic cessavit et, ut fit, in scalis latuit metuens pendentis habenae: des nummos, excepta nihil te si fuga laedit; ille ferat pretium poenae securus, opinor.
Prudens emisti vitiosum, dicta tibi est lex; insequeris tamen hunc et lite moratis iniqua. Dixi me pigrum proficiscenti tibi, dixi talibus officiis prope mancum, ne mea saevus iurgares ad te quod epistula nulla rediret. Quid tum profeci, mecum facientia iura

no more, for too many promises make men suspicious when a man wants to get rid of any article.

12. res, necessity.— meo . . . aere, but out of debt, opposed to aes alienum.— pauper, in humble circumstances.

13. mansonum: the regular slave-dealers.— faceret: i.e. would give you such a bargain.— temere . . . quivis, any chance person; properly, without some special reason; here, the desire to oblige a friend.

14. cessavit, loitered, i.e. when sent on an errand. Cf. Sat. II. 7. 100.

15. in scalis, etc.: a mild case of running away. Cf. fuga, v. 16. — metuens: with the genitive properly indicating the slave’s disposition, but in fact hardly to be distinguished from the use of the accusative. — pendentis: i.e. hung up in terrorem. — habenae: the lorum, or strap, from which one or more of the slaves was called lorarius.

16. des: apodosis to velit, v. 2. — excepta: the technical term for any express provision, mention, or exception in a document or bargain. Here it is used of the exception of the one fault from the general warranty which was implied in the sale of a slave. Cf. Aul. Gel. IV. 2 and VI. 4.

17. securus, without fear.
18. prudens: cf. imprudens, the opposite.— vitiosum: the slave would be erro, or fugitivus, either of which tendencies would be a vitium. But this fault having been mentioned in the contract, no action would arise on account of it.— lex: i.e. the conditions of the sale.

19. insequeris, etc.: another of the cases in which the simile is confused with the object. Florus’ action in regard to Horace amounts to the same thing as the proceeding mentioned. — moraris, try to hold him, opposed to letting him go free from damages.

20. dixi, I told you, with emphasis.
21. mancum, incapacitated, properly, crippled in the hands.
22. rediret: cf. reddere, used of delivering a letter, to which verb redire forms a sort of passive. Cf. perdo, pereo.

23. mecum facientia: i.e. that are on my side. Cf. II. 1. 68.— iura, the law, i.e. the courts.
si tamen attemptas? Quereris super hoc etiam, quod exspectata tibi non mittam carmina mendax. Luculli miles collecta viatica multis aerumnis, lassus dum noctu stertit, ad assem perdidet; post hoc vehemens lupus et sibi et hosti iratus pariter, ieunis dentibus acer, praesidium regale loco deiecit, ut aiunt, summe munito et multarum divite rerum. Clarus ob id factum donis ornatur opimis, accipit et bis dena super sestertia nummum. Forte sub hoc tempus castellum evertere praetor nescio quod cupiens hortari coepit eundem verbis, quae timido quoque possent addere mentem:

*I bone quo virtus tua te vocat, i pede fausto, grandia laturus meritorum praemia. Quid stas?*

Post haec ille catus quantumvis rusticus: 'Ibit, ibit eo, quo vis; qui zonam perdidit,' inquit.
Romae nutririter mihi contigit atque doceri iratus Grais quantum nocuisset Achilles. Adiecere bonae paullo plus artis Athenae, scilicet ut possem curvo dinoscore rectum, atque inter silvas Academi quaerere verum. Dura sed emovere loco me tempora grato, civilisque rudem bellii tulit aestus in arma Caesaris Augusti non responsura lacertis. Vnde simul primum me dimisere Philippi, decisis humilem pennis inopemque paterni et laris et fundi paupertas impulit audax, ut versus facerem. Sed quod non desit habentem

pockets in it, in which, in the absence of modern pockets, the ancients carried their valuables. The whole, of course, means that such courage comes only of desperation. The man who is well off will run no such risk.

41. Romae, etc.: the poet proceeds to show how his case is parallel with that of the soldier.—mihi contigit, I had the luck. In these advantages he corresponds to the soldier with his original competence.

42. iratus, etc.: i.e. he learned the Iliad. Cf. II. i. 71 and note.

43. bonae artis, liberal education.—Athenae: cf. Athenis iam diu doctrina ipsorum Atheniensium interiit; domicilium tantum in illa urbe remanet studiorum quibus vacant cives, peregrini fruuntur, Cic. de Orat. III. 11. 43. The better class of Roman young men seem to have gone to Athens to complete their education, as our young men go to Europe.

44. scilicet, that is to say.—possem: others read vellem with about equal authority.—curvo: jocosely put for pravo, representing the line of vice as opposed to the straight course of virtue; imitated by Persius, 4. 12.

45. inter silvas, etc.: the Academic school is put for philosophy in general.—quaerere: no doubt with reference to the sceptical turn of the later Academy.

46. dura sed emovere, etc.: the parallel to the soldier's misfortunes.—tempora: i.e. of the war between Octavius and the party of Brutus and Cassius.—loco: cf. v. 30 and note.

47. civilis . . . aestus, the tide of civil war.—rudem bellii, a raw recruit.—in arma, among the forces, i.e. the side of Brutus and Cassius. Cf. Od. II. 7. 10, and Sat. I. 6. 48.

48. non responsura, doomed not to cope with. Cf. Cic. Cat. II. 11. —lacertis, the strong arm.

49. dimisere, discharged, a technical word.

50. decisis, clipped. —inopem, etc.: a shorthand way of saying in poverty deprived of, etc.

51. audax, barefaced.

52. ut versus, etc.: neither this nor any of the statements here are to be taken too literally. Horace had no doubt written before, and
there is no reason to believe that he ever wrote for money. But disappointed in his first hopes of advancement, and having had a taste of life with the great, he must seek a career, and was forced to this one. His success in this is his desperate storming of the royal fortress. — sed quod, etc.: i.e. he has now won his decorations and booty, and, like the rustic soldier, fights no more. — quod: equivalent to tantum ut with the verb impersonal, where with to keep from want.

53. quae poterunt, etc.: i.e. his fever must be incurable, if he does not give over writing. — cicutae: apparently used as a remedy, like many poisonous plants. Cf. fit ex eo (semine cicutae) et ad refri gerandum stomachum malagma, Pliny, N. H. XXV. 153 (95).

55. singula de nobis, etc.: another reason why Horace does not write. — singula praedantur, take each its prey.

56. eripuere: these they have already stolen. — ludum: used generally of all amusements which require youthful spirits for their enjoyment, but especially poetry.

57. tendunt: i.e. having destroyed other capacities, they have begun to attack his creative power in poetry. — extorquere: apparently indicating that this capacity dies hard, but still it is doomed. — quid faciam vis: que voulez-vous? a submission to the inevitable.

58. denique, etc.: another excuse (rather than reason) is that he cannot satisfy all tastes, and so does nothing.

59. carmine: i.e. odes. — iam bis: i.e. epodes.

60. ille, etc.: i.e. satires. — Bioneis: Bion was a Scythian philosopher of caustic wit and cynical disposition, who lived about B.C. 250. Cf. ἢν δὲ καὶ θεατρικός καὶ πολύς ἐν τῷ γελοίῳ διαφορηταί, φωτικός δινθαμαίν κατὰ τῶν πραγμάτων ἥρων, Diog. Lert. IV. 7. 5. — sale nigro: as wit is common salt (cf. Sat. I. 10. 3), this kind is caustic potash (cf. Sat. II. 4. 74).

61. prope, almost like, the figure and the object being identified as usual.

63. quid dem, etc.: keeping up the figure to the end; ‘whatever I serve will be distasteful to two out of three.’
Praeter cetera, me Romaene poemata censes scribere posse inter tot curas totque labores? Hic sponsum vocat, hic auditum scripta relictis omnibus officiis, cubat hic in colle Quirini, hic extremo in Aventino, visendus uterque; intervalla vides humane commoda. Verum purae sunt plateae, nihil ut meditantibus obstet. Festinat calidus mulis gerulisque redemptor, torquet nunc lapidem nunc ingens machina tignum, tristia robustis luctantur funera plastris, hac rabiosa fugit canis, hac lutulent a ruit sus: i nunc, et versus tecum meditare canoros!

Scriptorum chorus omnis amat nemus et fugit urbes,

65. praeter cetera, etc.: another excuse (though the excuses gradually become serious reasons) is found in the occupations and disturbances of the great city.

66. curas: i.e. things to think of. — labores: i.e. things to do.


69. visendus: such visits seem to have been regarded as a duty then, more even than nowadays.

70. intervalla: about a mile each way (hence the plural), and up and down two rather steep hills. His whole walk to visit the two would be about four miles. — humane, for a poor mortal. — commoda: ironical. — verum, etc.: Horace ironically says in answer to his own objection, “but one can study on the way”; cf. Sat. I. 9. 2.

71. purae, clear. — meditantiibus, the work of the poet, an almost technical word of persons engaged in literary composition. Cf. v. 76, and Phoeb o meditante, Virg. Ecl. VI. 82.

72. festinat: with emphasis, on the contrary (or why?) the contractor, etc. — calidus, in hot haste; cf. fervet opus, Virg. Äen. I. 436. — mulis, etc.: referring to the loads drawn or carried through the streets. The streets, though closed to wagons except at night, were open to public contractors for transportation at all hours. For the crowded streets later, cf. Juv. III. 243 seq. — reemptor: cf. Od. III. 1. 35.

73. machina: i.e. a derrick hoisting the materials for building, poetically regarded as hurling them through the air.

74. funera: the same state of things is alluded to as being noisy in Sat. I. 6. 43.

76. i nunc, etc.: i.e. if you can, after what I've told you. Cf. I. 6. 17.

77. scriptorum, etc.: i.e. poetry requires a freedom from distractions, and a harmonious environment suited to the inspired condi-
rite cliens Bacchi, somno gaudentis et umbra; tu me inter strepitus nocturnos atque diurnos vis canere et contracta sequi vestigia vatum? Ingenium, sibi quod vacuas desumpsit Athenas et studiis annos septem dedit insenuitque libris et curis, statua taciturnius exit plerumque et risu populum quatit; hic ego rerum fluctibus in mediis et tempestatibus urbis verba lyrae motura somum conectere digner?

Frater erat Romae consulti rhetor, ut alter

tion of mind in which the poet worships Bacchus and the Muses. These words refer to the din, as the preceding refer to the obstructions, of the streets.

78. rite: i.e. as he has always been; cf. I. 19. 4.—cliens Bacchi: cf. Od. III. 25, esp. v. 19.

80. contracta: i.e. the narrow path which needs repose of mind and close application to follow it.

81. ingenium sibi, etc.: i.e. a man under the most favorable condition for study often comes out as dumb as a graven image, and is only laughed at. How then should Horace expect or desire to try poetry in the storm and stress of actual affairs at Rome? He would be more ridiculous in the eyes of the world than the other. In other words, the pursuit of literature in the right spirit doesn't pay nowadays among these scribblers that plaster each other with praise.—ingenium, a man of talent, as often. The tone of these words suggests that some notable example is meant.—vacuas, deserted, i.e. by all actual life, the home of quiet study.

82. studiis: i.e. chiefly philosophy and rhetoric.

83. libris: dative; cf. I. 7. 85. The idea is of becoming a bookworm.—curis, meditation; cf. quo tandem gaudio adfici necesse est sapientis animum cum his habitantem pernoctantemque curis (Natural Philosophy, Ethics, and Dialectics). Cic. Tusc. V. 24. 69.—statua: proverbial.—taciturnius, etc.: i.e. a mere daydreamer.

84. hic ego, etc.: i.e. when such is the result of a liberal education in the academic stillness of Athens, should I undertake to write poetry in the very whirl of affairs, and make myself a laughing-stock for the public who do not understand the necessary conditions of success in so difficult a branch of art?

85. tempestatibus, the stormy life.

86. motura, to wake, i.e. to be sung to the accompaniment of the lyre.—conectere, to weave the web of, etc.

87. frater erat Romae, etc.: i.e. another reason is that one by writing poetry becomes a member of the mutual admiration society, and must flatter the other members of the guild and so expose himself to hearing their writings. It is implied that this guild is composed of persons who have no real knowledge of what the profession really is, and how much application it demands; cf. v. 109. The instance is no doubt drawn from life.—
alterius sermonemerosaudirethonorcs, 
Gracchus ut hic illi, foret huic ut Mucius ille. 
Qui minus argutos vexat furor istepoetas? 
Carmina compono, hic elegos. 'Mirabile visu 
caelatumque novem Musis opus!' Adspice primum, 
quanto cum fastu, quanto molimine circum- 
spectemus vacuam Romanis vatibus aedem; 
mox etiam, si forte vacas, sequere et procul audi, 
quid ferat et quare sibi nectat uterque coronam. 
Caedimur et totidem plagis consumimus hostem

frater: apparently equivalent to an 
 adjective, or to talis frater. It has 
been suggested that a line has been 
lost, uterque Alterius laudum sic 
admurator, etc.; but it is danger- 
ous to rewrite Horace even to avoid 
a harsh construction.

88. meros honores, nothing but 
tributes of praise.

89. Gracchus: both Tiberius 
and Gaius were famed as orators. — 
Mucius: the Mucius Scaevola 
family was famous for its lawyers.

90. qui minus argutos, etc.: 
i.e. the same craze of mutual ad-
miration possesses the poets. For 
the phrase, cf. Sat. II. 3. 311. — 
21; IV. 6. 25. An epithet almost 
onornamental, but referring to 
the poets as opposed to the practical 
men of the two political professions 
in which puffing might be excused. 
Cf. the references to the poetical 
digue in Sat. I. 10.

91. carmina: cf. v. 99. — ele-
gos: cf. v. 100.

92. caelatum, wrought, as if the 
work were in silver. — adspice: 
i.e. first notice our important air, 
opposed to sequere, etc., v. 95.

93. fastu...molimine, a proud 
and pompous air. — circumpecteu-
mus: in Homer, who dates back to 
a time when the prepositions were 
still adverbs, and had not yet be-
come attached to the verbs at all, 
they are frequently found separated 
even by several words. In later 
times this usage was thought to be 
a poetical figure, and was imitated 
or allowed as such, so that in Latin, 
in which the prepositions had long 
been firmly attached, they are some-
times found divided as here. Cf. 
the cere — comminit — brun of 
Ennius. The word refers to the air 
of the poets as they survey the tem-
ple in which they are to recite for 
each other's delection.

94. vacuum, opened, left vacant 
for them to recite in.

95. mox: i.e. when they are 
under way in their poetical compli-
ments. — procul: cf. Sat. II. 6. 105 
and note.

96. quid ferat, etc., what each 
has to offer, i.e. what tribute of 
praise each brings. For an exa-
ample, though of a later time, cf.

Dum centum studet auribus virorum 
hoc quod saecula posterique possint 
Arpinis quoque comparare chartis. 
— Mart. X. 19. 15 
(addressed to Pliny).


97. caedimur, etc.: we belabor 
each other in turn blame for blow 
with strokes of compliment, like 
Samnites in a hard-fought bout.
lento Samnites ad lumina prima duello. Discedo Alcaeus puncto illius, ille meo quis? Quis nisi Callimachus? Si plus adposcere visus, fit Mimnermus, et optivo cognomine crescit. Multa fero, ut placem genus irritabile vatun, cum scribo et supplex populi suffragia capto; idem, finitis studiis et mente recepta, obturem patulas impune legentibus auris.

Ridentur mala qui componunt carmina, verum gaudent scribentes et se venerantur, et ultimo, si taceas, laudant quicquid scripsere beati. At qui legitimum cupiet fecisse poema, cum tabulis animum censoris sumet honesti, audebit quaecumque parum splendoris habebunt

eetc. The give and take of compliment are alternated with the alternative assaults of gladiators. Cf. Sat. II. 6. 44.

98. lento, etc.: i.e. the lingering between two well-matched combatants, lasting till dark.

99. discedo, come off, used with reference to the supposed encounter.

— Alcaeus: whom Horace follows as his model; cf. v. 91. — puncto: cf. the manner of voting at the Roman elections.

100. Callimachus: an Alexandrine poet, chiefly famous for his elegies; cf. v. 91. Propertius claimed to be the Roman Callimachus, and may be alluded to here, but it may be anybody else. — si plus, etc.: i.e. if this does not satisfy his vanity, I will go higher and call him a Mimnermus (B.C. 632), the first and greatest of elegiac poets.

101. crescit, grows in greatness.

102. multa fero, etc.: i.e. I bear a great deal, from the vanity of my fellows, when I undertake to write, which I am relieved from by my own silence. — irritabile, sensitive, so that I am obliged to praise them in order not to anger them.

104. mente recepta: as if poetry were a craze; cf. Sat. II. 7. 117.

105. impune: with obturem; i.e. he can then refuse to hear bad verses, without fear of suffering from the poet's revengeful criticism.

106. ridentur, etc.: a concession, the real statement being contained in gaudent, etc.

107. ultro laudant, begin themselves to praise.

108. beati, in blissful self-conceit.

109. at qui, etc.: i.e. but the mental attitude of the real poet is far different; he is the most rigid censor of his own work. — fecisse: not different from the present infinitive.

110. tabulis, book, with a double meaning, at once the Censor's list and the poet's tablets. — honesti, conscientious.

111. splendoris, etc.: Horace has in mind throughout the action of the Censor in detail, but does not feel bound to keep to it consistently.
et sine pondere erunt et honore indigna furentur, verba movere loco, quamvis invita recedant et versentur adhuc intra penetralia Vestae. Obscurata diu populo bonus eruet atque proferet in lucem speciosa vocabula rerum, quae priscis memorata Catonibus atque Cethegis nunc situs informis premit et deserta vetustas; adsciscet nova, quae genitor produxerit usus. Vehemens et liquidus puroque simillimus amni fundet opes Latiumque beabit divite linguæ; luxuriantia compescet, nimos aspera sano

112. honore: cf. splendoris and note.
113. movere loco, turn out (i.e. of his poetical vocabulary), a technical expression of the act of the Censor in degrading an unworthy person.—invita, etc. i.e. though they have a strong hold on the language.
114. et versentur, etc. i.e. and still linger at Rome in the common use of the people. But why Vestae? Servius (to Aen. vii. 153) says: ad Atrium Vestae conveniēbat (senatus). If this statement can be relied on, no doubt Horace, keeping up the figure, makes the words linger, like an expelled Senator about his meeting place. Other views have been suggested. One possible view refers to the domestic expressions of the fireside. Every one knows how many colloquial expressions are retained in the family circle. But Vesta is not certainly shown in Latin to represent the household hearth. The best way seems to be to take the phrase as referring to the 'heart' of the Roman people, i.e. in common use.
115. obscurata, etc. i.e. the poet in his search for a fresh and vigorous diction will restore to use good old words that were picturesque but have slipped out of use. The figure of the Censor is half preserved here also.—populo: i.e. in common use.—bonus: as opposed to his severity towards the unworthy.—eruet, will unearth.
116. speciosa: i.e. vivid and picturesque.
117. quae priscis, etc. cf. II. 3. 50.
118. situs, neglect, originally of things left to lie and gather rust from want of care and use (hence informis).—informis, uncomely, as producing that effect.—premit, obscures, keeps out of use.—deserta, forsaken, i.e. their age has caused the words to be abandoned.
119. genitor, creative; cf. II. 3. 71.
120. vehementes (two syllables), strong: The whole idea is taken from a river.
"Though deep yet clear... Strong without rage; without overflowing, full." —Sir John Denham. The style is to be rich and strong, but still clear.
121. opes, a stream of wealth.
122. luxuriantia: i.e. excess of ornament.—compescet, prune, as a too luxuriant growth of vegetation, of which the word is often used.—aspera, roughness, as of a
levabit cultu, virtute carentia tolet,
ludentis speciem dabat et torquebitur ut qui
nunc Satyrum, nunc agrestem Cyclopa movetur.  
Praetulerim scriptor delirus inersque videri,
dum mea delectent mala me vel denique fallant,
quam sapere et ringi.  Fuit haud ignobilis Argis,
qui se credebat miros audire tragoedos,
in vacuo laetus sessor plausorque theatro,
cetera qui vitae servaret munia recto
more, bonus sane vicinus, amabilis hospes,
comis in uxorem, posset qui ignoscere servis
et signo laeso non insanire lagaeae,
posset qui rupem et puteum vitare patentem.

statue or the like. — sano, i.e. with
moderation, not so as to produce a
namby-pamby polish.

123. virtute carentia: cf. pa-
rum splendoris and sine pon-
dere. — tolet, elevate, i.e. by a
little forcing, so as to give a loftier
tone to common things. Cf. Quint.
X. 4. 1; VIII. 6. 11; Cic. de Orat.
III. 26. 104; but cf. Sat. I. 4. 11.

124. ludentis, etc.: i.e. the re-
result will be apparently an easy style
and a light touch, which, however,
the writer can gain only by a seri-
ous effort.

125. Satyrum, etc.: i.e. a pan-
tomimic actor performing a part
which seems comic to the specata-
tors, but is to him a very serious
and difficult business. Cf. Ὄλος δὲ
tὸν ὄρχηστην δεῖ πανταχόθεν ἀπη-
κριβῶσθαι, ὥς εἶλαι τὸ πᾶν εὐρύθυμον,
εὐμορφον, σώματιν, αὐτὸ αὐτῷ ἐφι-
κός ἀσυκοφάντητων, ἀνεπάδηπτων,
μηδαμῶς ἥλιτες, ἐκ τῶν ἀριστῶν
κεκραμένων, Lucian, de Salt. Cf.
also Athenæus, XIV. 28. — move-
tur: cf. saltaret, Sat. I. 5. 63 and
note.

126. praetulerim, etc.: i.e. as if
Horace would say that after all it
might on the whole be better to be
self-deceived like the vain poets of
the day than to have sound ideas
and suffer the consequent worry. —
delirus: i.e. foolish in his igno-
rance of what has just been laid
down as rules. — iners: i.e. clumsy
in his efforts to write. — scriptor,
as an author, i.e. if I should write.

127. delectent, etc.: cf. Sat. I.
3. 39, where, however, the two ideas
are put, naturally, in the opposite
order.

128. ringi, be in agony, on ac-
count of his own imperfections. —
fuit, etc.: an anecdote showing that
sometimes a delusion is more com-
fortable than a sound mind.

129. credebat, etc.: in this con-
sisted the man's monomania.

131. cetera, etc.: showing his
sanity in all other respects. — ser-
varet: a quality of the man, whereas
crededv only states a fact about
him.

134. signo: cf. Od. III. 8. 10. —
laeso: i.e. when a slave has broken
the seal of a jar, and drunk the
wine.

135. rupem, a precipice; cf. -Sat
II. 3. 56 seq.
Hic ubi cognatorum opibus curisque refectus expulit elleboro morbum bilemque meraco, et redit ad se 'Pol, me occidistis, amici, non servastis,' ait, 'cui sic extorta voluptas et demptus per vim mentis gratissimus error.'  

Nimirum sapere est abiectis utile nugis et tempestivum pueris concedere ludum, ac non verba sequi fidibus modulanda Latinis, sed verae numerosque modosque ediscere vitae. Quocirca mecum loquor haec tacitusque recordor: 'Si tibi nulla sitim finiret copia lymphae, narrares medicis: quod quanto plura parasti, tanto plura cupis, nulline faterier audes? Si volnus tibi monstrata radice vel herba non fieret levius, fugeres radice vel herba

136. cognatorum: cf. the case of illness described in Sat. I. 1. 80, and ibid. v. 88.

137. elleboro: cf. Sat. II. 3. 82. — bilem: as the cause of madness. — meraco: i.e. as if Horace said, "by the free use of strong draughts of the medicine," like "by a thorough course of."

138. redit ad se: cf. non sum apud me, Ter. Phorm. 204, and ade redi, Adelphi, 794. — occidistis: cf. II. 3. 467. — pol: the introduction of this word gives a comic turn to the whole, showing that the man himself is not serious.

139. sic, in this way, i.e. as they had done.

140. nimirum: introducing the final reason for his literary inactivity, the same as given in I. 1. The connection is loose, and seems to hang merely upon the word sapere used in v. 128. As if Horace said, "speaking of wisdom, doubtless the most serviceable wisdom is to let such things alone, and study philosophy."


142. pueris: belonging both to tempestivum and concedere, as often in Latin. — ludum: cf. I. 18. 66; 14. 36; I. 1. 3 and note; Sat. I. 10. 37; Virg. Ecl. VII. 17.

143. ac non verba, etc.: cf. v. 86; Od. IV. 3. 23; Ep. I. 3. 12.

144. numerosque modosque: a common mode of expression, here used with conscious reference to v. 43. Cf. I. 18. 59.

145. quocirca, etc.: i.e. therefore, having given up verse-making, I devote myself silently to moral improvement.

146. si tibi, etc.: i.e. if you had the symptoms of dropsy (to himself).

147. quod quanto, etc.: i.e. if you have symptoms of the moral dropsy of avarice, do you refrain from seeking advice? Cf. Od. II. 2. 13.

149. si volnus, etc.: i.e. you would avoid a remedy if you found it did no good; and will you still
Horatian emblems: audieras, cui rem di donarent, illi decedere pravam stultitiam, et cum sis nihilo sapientior, ex quo plenior es, tamen uteris monitoribus isdem?

At si divitiae prudentem reddere possent, si cupidum timidumque minus te, nempe ruberes, viveret in terris te si quis avarior uno.

Si proprium est quod quis libra mercatus et aere est, quaedam, si credis consultis, mancipat usus;
qui te pascit ager tuus est, et vilicus Orbi,
cum segetes occat tibi mox frumenta daturas,
teb dominum sentit; das nummos, accipis uvam,
pullos, ova, cadum temeti: nempe modo isto paullatim mercaris agrum, fortasse trecentis

seek wealth as a cure for folly when you have found by experience that it is useless?

151. audieras, etc.: the application of the parallel.

155. at si, etc.: an indirect proof that riches do not give wisdom.

158. si proprium, etc.: an examination into the nature of property, in which Horace shows that in both of the two ways in which property is acquired all the wealth which serves your purposes is really yours.

—libra et aere: the conventional form of conveyance at Rome (per aes et libram). This process, a relic of the earlier payment of money by weight, required five Roman citizens as witnesses and a weigher (libripens), before whom the parties appeared. With a set form of words the buyer claimed the property (manu capere) and pretended to weigh a piece of money which he handed over to the seller. This worked a mancipatio, hence mancipat.

159. consultis, the learned lawyers. — mancipat: i.e. passes the property, or makes a title.

160. pascit: i.e. for this constitutes the usus in the sense in which Horace takes that word, though the preceding verse is only true in the other, the technical sense, i.e. of adverse possession, prescription (usu capio). Cf. Cic. ad Fam. VII. 30. — usus: here used in the sense of usucapio. Cf. the two preceding notes. — vilicus Orbi, etc.: here the poet proceeds to show that the enjoyer practically owns the property even by the first method, for he buys it by degrees. — Orbi: an unknown person, probably a famous nabob of the time, or a rich neighbor of the poet. — vilicus: cf. I. 14. 1.

161. segetes, field, properly the growing crop. — occat: put for all the operations of husbandry. — tibi: because you will buy it.

162. te dominum sentit, recognizes, etc.; in so far as he knows that he works for your advantage.

164. fortasse trecentis, etc:
aut etiam supra nummorum milibus emptum. Quid refert vivas numerato nuper an olim? Emptor Aricini quondam Veientis et arvi emptum cenat holus, quamvis aliter putat; emptis sub noctem gelidam lignis calefactat aenum. Sed vocat usque suum qua populus adsita certis limitibus vicina refugit iurigia, tamquam sit proprium quidquam, puncto quod mobilis horae nunc prece, nunc pretio, nunc vi, nunc morte suprema permutet dominos et cedat in altera iura. Sic, quia perpetuus nulli datur usus, et heres heredem alterius velut unda supervenit undam, quid vici prosunt aut horrea? Quidve Calbris

i.e. which cost a very much larger sum.

166. *numerato*, etc.: *i.e.* whether with money paid from day to day for provisions, or paid earlier as the price of the estate.

167. *emptor quondam*, the sometime purchaser; see Gr. § 207, note. Here begins the converse of the argument. "The lord of the acres is in the same condition as you, for he has simply bought his dinner like you."

168. *putat*: see Gr. § 313 g.

170. *sed vocat*: *i.e.* his property rests only on an erroneous notion; he calls it his, but it is not.—*usque*: *i.e.* this is the extent of his claim, "all the way to where, etc."—*populus*: the beginner will notice the quantity. The line of poplars forms the boundary.

171. *limitibus*: means or manner of *refugit*:—vicina, with the neighbors.—*refugit*: this word has been questioned, and seems a little out of place. But to avoid lawsuits by the marked limits of a man's property is certainly not very different from preventing them. This idea may then very well be ascribed to that which marks the bounds instead of to the proprietor.—*tamquam, as if forsooth*; introducing the facts which show the folly of the proprietor's idea.


173. *morte suprema*: cf. *suprema fine*, II. 1. 12.—*prece*, etc.: *i.e.* it is liable to be given away, sold, stolen, or resigned at death.


176. *alterius*: *i.e.* the first possessor, himself the heir of another, is followed by his own heir.—*undam*: the construction is rare, but the accusative is governed by the preposition in composition, perhaps a colloquial irregularity.

saltibus adiecti Lucani, si metit Orcus
grandia cum parvis, non exorabilis auro?
Gemmatis, marmor, ebur, Tyrrhena sigilla, tabellas,
argentum, vestes Gaetulo murice tinctas,
sunt qui non habeant, est qui non curat habere.
Cur alter fratrum cessare et ludere et ungi
praeferat Herodis palmetis pinguibus, alter
dives et importunus ad umbram lucis ab ortu
silvestrem flammis et ferro mitiget agrum,
scit Genius, natale comes qui temperat astrum,
naturae deus humanae, mortalis in unum
quodeque caput, voltu mutabilis, albus et ater.

180. sigilla, statuettes.
181. Gaetulo: cf. Tyri praecipuus hic (sucus muricis) Asiae, in
Meninge Africarum et Gaetulo litore Oceani, in Laconia Europae, Pliny,
N. H. IX. 127 (60).

182. sunt qui, etc.: i.e. that the
objects of wealth are not indispensable
is shown by the fact that many
do without them, and there is now
and then one who has no desire
for them.—est qui: probably (not
necessarily) the poet himself.

183. cur alter, etc.: the suggestion
of the difference of tastes leads
Horace to ascribe it with a kind of
wonder to an inexplicable inborn
difference of temperament existing
even in the case of own brothers.
It is as if Horace said: "Why men
differ, the Lord who made them
only knows, but they do." Cf. Sat.
II. 1. 26.—cessare, etc.: i.e. con
tented idleness as opposed to hardly
won wealth represented in palme
tis.—ungi: as the making of alco
hol was unknown to the ancients,
their only vehicle for perfumes was
oils; here put as a mark of luxury.

184. Herodis: Herod the Great.
Cf. regnum (Judaeorum) ab An
tonio Herodi datum victor Augustus
auxit, Tac. Hist. V. 9. The wealth
and fertility of the region were pro
verbal.—palmetis: cf. primus Idum
eaeas referam tibi, Mantua, pal
mas, Virg. Georg. III. 12, and Judaeae
vero incluta est vel magis palmis,
Pliny, H. N. XIII. 26 (6). The
income of the palm groves must
have been very large.

185. importunus, insatiable, in
stant in season and out of season.
186. mitiget: cf. pacantur, I. 2.
45; urges, I. 14. 26; rastris terram
domare, Virg. Aen. IX. 608. The
idea is, bring new lands under cul
tivation.

187. Genius: cf. II. 1. 144 and
note.—comes: attendant, as an
adjective with Genius.—tempe
rat, regulates, mixing in due pro
portion the good and evil influences
of the planets at one's birth.—
astrum (natale), the horoscope.

188. deus: here treated as a
single divinity.—mortalis, etc.: here
again regarded as manifest and
mortal in each man's life. Such con
tradictions were not at all trouble
some to the ancients. Cf. Our Lady
of Lourdes, or this, that, and the
other in modern times.

189. voltu mutabilis, etc.: in
Vtar et ex modico quantum res poscet acervo tollam, nec metuam quid de me iudicet heres quod non plura datis invenerit; et tamen idem scire volam, quantum simplex hilarisque nepoti discrepet et quantum discordet parcus avaro. Distat enim, spargas tua prodigus, an neque sumptum invitus facias, neque plura parare labores, ac potius, puer ut festis Quinquatribus olim, exigu gratoque fruaris tempere raptim. Pauperies immunda domus procul abis, ego utrum nave ferar magna an parva, ferar unus et idem. Non agimur tumidis velis Aquilone secundo,

so far as it is manifest in various characters of individuals.—albus et ater: vaguely used as well for character as destiny.

190. utar, etc.: the mention of the two extremes of self-indulgence and avarice leads Horace as usual to proclaim his doctrine of the middle course between prodigality and hoarding. There is an emphasis on utar (enjoy, instead of hoarding).—modo: i.e. which I do not care to increase. Cf. Sat. I. I. 51.

192. plura datis, more left him, literally, more than what is left. Cf. I. S. 13.

193. scire volam: i.e. to realize, and act accordingly.—simplex, guileless, i.e. not duplex, with no undercurrent of selfishness, according to which the man would be after the main chance through all his actions.—hilaris, the cheerful spirit, as opposed to the prodigal.

195. spargas, etc.: like the nepos.—neque sumptum, etc.: like the free-handed and unavermicious hilaris and simplex.

197. puer, etc.: i.e. act like a boy in the holidays, enjoying to the full the brief time allotted to enjoyment. This is opposed to parare, and is a part of the alternative with an.—raptim: i.e. making haste to enjoy, on account of the brevity of the time.

199. pauperies, etc.: i.e. if only I am free from want, the amount of my possessions is immaterial.—domus procul: a genitive of separation after the manner of the Greek. But the reading is doubtful. Some editors simplify matters by omitting domus and inserting modo.—pauperies: not absolute want, but straitened circumstances, such as to deprive the poet of the elegancies (munditiae) of a refined life.—immunda, squalid or unrefined.—utrum nave, etc.: a shorthand expression, where, as in so many cases, the figure is confused with the object. “I care not whether I am rich or poor, but shall live my life in either case, just as I should not care whether I went in a big ship or a little one, for I should finish my journey essentially the same.”

The idea on which the double question depends is implied in ferar unus et idem.

201. non agimur, etc.: keeping up the figure of the voyage.—tumidis, etc.: i.e. in prosperity I cannot

carry so much sail. — non tamen, etc.: i.e. but then, on the other hand, I am not so much exposed to the storms of adversity.

203. specie, display, "style." Cf. I. 6. 49; or perhaps, beauty.

204. extremis, etc.: the figure is derived from a race.

205. non es avarus: i.e. but thus far only one vice has been treated, and there are others to be regarded also. Cf. Sat. II. 3. 159. — abi, pass on then; i.e. so far there is no fault to be found.

208. somnia, etc.: cases of superstition. Cf. Sat. II. 3. 281 seq.

209. Thessala: the Thessalians were famous for magic. Cf. Od. I. 27. 21; Epod. V. 45.

210. natalis, etc.: i.e. do you thankfully rejoice in the years as they pass, without repining at increasing age? Cf. I. II. 22; I. 4. 13. — ignoscis amicis: i.e. have you a good temper? Cf. Sat. I. 3. 84.


215. tempus abire, etc.: not necessarily here a recommendation to suicide, though such an idea would be quite in accord with ancient philosophy. Cf. Lucr. III. 938.

216. decentius: i.e. in which wanton behavior is more becoming. — aetas: i.e. youth, to which the old man would become a laughing-stock if he indulges too freely in the follies of youth.
HORATI EPISTVLAE.

III.

Humano capiti cervicem pector equinam iungere si velit et varias inducere plumas undique collatis membris, ut turpiter atrum desinat in piscem mulier formosa superne, spectatum admissi risum teneatis, amici? Credite, Pisones, isti tabulae fore librum persimilem, cuius velut aegri somnia vanae fingentur species, ut nee pes nec caput uni reddatur formae. 'Pictoribus atque poetis quidlibet audendi semper est aequa potestas.'

Scimus et hanc veniam petimusque damusque vicissim, sed non ut placidis coeant immitia, non ut serpentes avibus geminentur, tigribus agni. Inceptis gravibus plerumque et magna professis purpureus, late qui splendeat, unus et alter

EPISTLE 3. The best information we have on this epistle is given by Porphyrio: Hunc librum qui inscriptur De arte poetica ad L. Pisonem qui postea urbis custos fuit misit. Nam et ipse Piso poeta fuit et studiorum liberalium antistes. It is a rambling treatise on the art of poetic composition, touching on this and that point as it is suggested by prevalent faults and fashions. For the title, cf. Quint. VIII. 3. 60.

1. humano, etc.: the first canon is that a work should be consistent with itself. This point Horace approaches in his usual indirect way. It would seem that some one had claimed a like freedom of the imagination from the trammels of realism in poetry as was allowed in pictorial art. Hence he begins to answer this claim by giving absurd cases of the use of imagination in painting. Then he introduces the point made by the unrealist, applying it to both painting and poetry, and then proceeds to show its limitations. The whole means, "as you say, a poet is not tied down to absolute facts any more than a painter, but a painter must not attempt to represent the impossible, no more must the poet."

3. undique: i.e. from all sorts of animals. — ut: introducing the result of collatis. — turpiter: of appearance, its proper meaning.

Cf. alɔξρòs.

9. reddatur: i.e. to correspond.

10. aequa: i.e. alike to both.

12. placidis: see examples in next verse.

13. geminentur, united, so as to make one creature.

14. inceptis, etc.: an example of the disregard of the canon. The poem starts out with a lofty design,
adsuitur pannus, cum lucus et ara Dianae
et properantis aquae per amoenos ambitus agros
aut flumen Rhenum aut pluvius describitur arcus.
Sed nunc non erat his locus. Et fortasse cupressum
scis simulare: quid hoc, si fractis enatat exspes
navibus aere dato qui pingitum? Amphora coepit
institui, currente rota cur urceus exit?
Denique sit quod vis simplex dumtaxat et unum.
Maxima pars vatum, pater et iuvenes patre digni,
decipimur specie recti: brevis esse laboro,
obscurus fio; sectantem levia nervi
deficiunt animique; professus grandia turget;
serpit humi tutus nimium timidusque procellae.
Qui variare cupit rem prodigialiter unam,
delphinum silvis appingit, fluctibus aprum.
In vitium ducit culpae fuga, si caret arte.
Aemilium circa ludum faber imus et ungues
but it is spoiled by incongruity of
details.
19. sed: opposed to an implied
concession, “very fine, but,” etc. —
erat: imperfect for present time in
the contrary-to-fact construction, of
that which is not done. Cf. tempus
erat, Od. I. 37. 4; see Gr., §§ 311 c
and 308 c. — et, and so, continuing
the same principle applied to
painting.
20. scis, etc.: i.e. you may be
skilful in painting trees; but if you
want to paint a sea-piece, it would
only spoil it to put them in. — fractis,
etc.: the ancients were accus-
tomed to hang up in temples votive
tablets, representing in a very real-
istic fashion any narrow escape from
death. Italian churches are full of
pictures made in the same spirit.
Cf. Sat. II. 1. 33 and note.
21. amphora, etc.: i.e. why,
when you have a purpose, do you
change it on the way, bringing out
something else by the use of incon-
gruous details?
24. maxima, etc.: i.e. this, like
many other faults, comes from a
desire for excellence carried too far.
29. prodigialiter: i.e. with an
ornament of marvels to make it
interesting.
31. in vitium, etc.: the formal
statement of the idea in vv. 24–30.
32. Aemilium circa ludum, etc.: another aspect of the same
idea. It is the want of skill in mak-
ing the whole (implied in arte) that
produces the unfortunate result.
The most ordinary worker will excel
in some details but will fail for want
of skill in some other detail which
is equally necessary. — Aemilium
ludum: doubtless a gladiatorial
establishment, but otherwise un-
known. The brass founders must
have worked near by.
exprimet et mollis imitabitur aere capillos, infelix operis summa, quia ponere totum nesciet. Hunc ego me, si quid componere curem, non magis esse velim, quam pravo vivere naso, spectandum nigris oculis nigroque capillo.

Sumite materiam vestris, qui scribitis, aequam viribus, et versate diu quid ferre recusent, quid valeant umeri: cui lecta potenter erit res, nec facundia deseret hunc nec lucidus ordo. Ordinis haec virtus erit et venus, aut ego fallor, ut iam nunc dicat iam nunc debentia dici, pleraque differat et praesens in tempus omissat, hoc amet, hoc spernat pròmissi carminis auctor.

In verbis etiam tenuis cautusque serendis dixeris egregie, notum si callida verbum

34. ponere: apparently technical. Cf. Od. IV. 8, 8, and the Greek ἱοράνα, drawn from the sculptor's art.

35. hunc, etc.: cf. ne fueris hic tu, I. 6. 40:

37. spectandum, etc.: i.e. with some beauties, marred, however, by flagrant defects.

38. sumite, etc.: the second canon, to choose a suitable subject. This division loosely corresponds to the rhetorical inventio.

40. potenter: according to his power, apparently.—res: cf. rem tene, verba sequentur, Cato.

41. facundia: power of expression; technically, elocutio (φώνασ). Cf. elocutio est idoneorum verborum et sententiarum ad inventionem accommodatio, Cic. de Inv. I. 7. 9.—ordo, arrangement. Cf. dispositio est rerum inventarum in ordinem distributio, ibid.

42. ordinis, etc.: the excellences of arrangement are so simple that Horace dismisses the subject with a few words.

45. hoc amet, etc.: i.e. at any given time, each in its turn.

46. in verbis, etc.: a discussion of the elocutio. Cf. ornatus autem verborum duplex, unus simplicium alter conlocatorem, Cic. Orator, 24. 80. —tenuis, simple, as opposed to a florid and turgid style. Cf. ac primum informandus est ille nobis quem solum quidam vocat Atticum; summissus est et humilis, consuetudinem imitans, ab indigerit et plus quam opinione different (Cic. Orator, 23. 75); ergo ille tenuis [orator] modo sit elegans, etc. (ibid. 24. 81). So farther on hic subtilis; hic acutus; haec tenuitas; summissus orator, magnus lamen et germanus Atticus. This style is opposed to ubeirus alidi aliquantlo robustus quam hoc humile; et tertius ille amplus copiosus gravis ornatus in quo prosecto vis maxima est (ibid. 28. 97). The whole passage is nearly parallel with Horace's canons.—serendis: cf. sermo.

47. callida iunctura: a clever combination by which a familiar
reddiderit iunctura novum. Si forte necesse est
indiciis monstrare recentibus abdita rerum,
figere cinctutis non exaudita Cethegis
continget, dabiturque licentia sumpta pudenter.
Et nova fictaque nuper habebunt verba fidem, si
Graeco fonte cadent, parce detorta: quid autem
Caecilio Plautoque dabit Romanus, ademptum
Vergilio Varioque? Ego cur acquirere paucæ
si possum invidore, cum lingua Catonis et Enni
sermonem patrium ditaverit et nova rerum
nomina protulerit? Licuit semperque licebit

word is made to seem new, perhaps
such expressions as rubente dexter,
Attalicis condicionibus,
pronos annos (v. 60); though
Horace has in mind doubtless a less
lofty flight than is generally found
48. si forte, etc.; i.e. though in
accordance with Horace's descrip-
tion, the author will rely upon ordi-
nary words made fresh by combina-
tion, yet if occasion arises, he may
coin new ones in moderation.
49. indicis monstrare recenti-
bus, etc., reveal by new signs
thoughts hitherto unknown. The
figure is from the investigation of
crime, or the like.— abdita rerum:
cf. Sat. II. 8. 83.
50. cinctutis, half naked, or
killed, clad in the cinctus, a kind
of kilt covering the middle of the
body, used before the more civilized
tunic. — non exaudita: cf. II. 2.
117. — Cethegis: M. Cornelius
Cethegus (cons. B.C. 204) was the
first Roman orator (Cic. Brut. 15).
A time far back is taken to make
plain the necessity of new words on
account of the great development
of ideas since that time. Appar-
tently such words are meant as new
formations in -tas, -alis, or the
like.

51. continget, occasion will
arise.— sumpta pudenter: i.e. if
so used.
52. et: these too as well as new
Latin formations. — fidem: i.e. ac-
ceptance; properly, the words will
gain confidence, and not be looked
upon with suspicion. — si Graeco
fonte cadent: apparently new trans-
lations from the Greek like the old
mundus, qualitas, exhibere nego-
tium. Horace's own exclusion of
Greek words proper, and his objec-
tion to Lucilius (Sat. I. 10. 20)
seem to preclude the idea of such
words as malacissare (μαλακισσαρε),
taken bodily into the language.
53. parce detorta: i.e. slightly
varied in their use from their origi-
inals. Some editors take this to
mean a slight variation in the in-
flexions. — quid autem, etc.: i.e.
this was allowed the earlier poets,
and why not to the later as well?
55. ego, etc. : simply another ex-
ample of the same kind as the pre-
ceding, only here is considered the
effect on the language rather than
the right of the poet.
56. invidor: probably a collo-
quial use instead of invidetur mihi,
a popular corruption of grammar.
Cf. imperor, I. 5. 21.— lingua: i.e
their writings.
signatum praesente nota producere nomen.  
Vt silvae foliis pronos mutantur in annos,  
prima cadunt, ita verborum vetus interit aetas,  
et iuvenum ritu florent modo nata vigentque.  
Debemur morti nos nostraque, sive receptus  
terra Neptunus classis Aquilonibus arcet,  
regis opus, sterilisve diu palus aptaque remis  
vicinas urbes alit et grave sentit aratrum;  
seu cursum mutavit iniquum frugibus,  
doctus iter melius: mortalia facta peribunt,  
nedum sermonum stet honos et gratia vivax.  
Multa renascentur, quae iam cecidere,  
cadentque quae nunc sunt in honore vocabula, si volet usus,  
quern penes arbitrium est et ius et norma loquendi.  
Res gestae regumque ducumque et tristia bella  
quo scribi possent numero monstravit Homerus.  
Versibus impariter iunctis querimonia primum,  

59. **signatum**: the figure drawn from money. A new coinage is always in order; as in coins, so in words. — praesente nota, the modern stamp. — producere: cf. produxerit, II. 2. 119.  
60. **ut silvae**, etc.: *i.e.* for everything earthly passes away, words as well as things. — *in annos*: cf. *in dies, in horas* (v. 160).  
61. **prima cadunt**: a co-ordinate clause with *mutantur*, but containing a subordinate idea, "while, etc." — *vetus aetas*, the aging life.  
63. **receptus**, etc.: the allusion is apparently *(a)* to the Portus Iulius made by the union of the Lucrine Lake with the sea (Suet. Oct. 16); *(b)* the attempted draining of the Pomptine Marshes (Schol. *ad locum*); *(c)* improvements in the course of the Tiber (Suet. Oct. 30).  
64. **classis**, etc.: for construction, cf. I. 1. 31 and note.  
65. **palus**: with *ū* contrary to the usual prosody.  
67. **iniquum frugibus**: *i.e.* on account of inundations.  
68. **facta**: repeating *nostra*, but with emphasis on works as opposed to words (*sermonum*).  
69. **honos**, dignity, the respect in which they are held. — *stet vivax*, continues to live.  
71. **usus**: cf. II. 2. 119.  
73. **res gestae**, etc.: Horace, having finished the matter of dictio, comes to the choice of metre. One can hardly see why this topic was inserted unless it was intended to be learned by heart by one of Pisos. Those enumerated are the Hexameter (vv. 73, 74), Elegiac (vv. 75–78), the Iambic metres (vv. 79–82), Lyric metres (vv. 83–85).  
75. **impariter**: only found here. Cf. "unequally yoked together." — **querimonia**, etc.: *i.e.* the elegy was originally the lament of hapless
post etiam inclusa est voti sententia compos. 
Quis tamen exiguos elegos emiserit auctor, 
grammatici certant et adhuc sub iudice lis est. 
Archilochum proprio rabies armavit iambo; 
hunc socci cepere pedem grandesque cothurni, 
alternis aptum sermonibus, et populares 
v Vincentem strepitus et natum rebus agendis. 
Musa dedit fidibus divos puerosque deorum 
et pugilem victorem et equum certamine primum 
et iuvenum curas et libera vina referre. 
Descriptas servare vices et operumque colores 
cur ego si nequeo ignororo poeta salutor? 
Cur nescire pudens prave quam discere malo? 
Versibus exponi tragicis res comica non volt. 
Indignatur item privatis ac prope socco 

love, but afterwards used also for 
other amatory strains. 

77. quis tamen, etc.: accounts 
 vary between Archilochus, Mimner- 
mus, and Callinus. — exiguo, light, 
in matter, as opposed to the heroic 
strain. 

79. proprio: i.e. his own invention, 
as it was supposed. 

80. hunc, etc.: i.e. it was after- 
wards adopted by the drama, in 
Comedy (scci) and Tragedy 
(cothurni). 

81. alternis, etc.: cf. qui [Aris- 
toteles] indicat heroum numerum 
grandiorem quam desideret soluta 
ortio, iamquam autem nimis et 
volgaris esse sermone, Cic. Orator, 
57. 192; and at comicorum sen- 
arii propter similitudinem sermo- 
nis sic saepe sunt abiecti, ut non 
numquam vix in eis numerus et 
versus intellegi possit, ibid. 55. 

82. rebus agendis: i.e. the imi- 
tated actual life of the stage. 

83. fidibus: i.e. the lyric meas-
dignis carminibus narrari cena Thyestae.
Singula quaeque locum teneant sortita decentem.
Interdum tamen et vocem comoedia tollit,
iratusque Chremes tumido delitigat ore;
et tragicus plerumque dolet sermone pedestri
Telephus et Peleus, cum pauper et exsul uterque
proicit ampullas et sesquipedalia verba,
si curat cor spectantis tetigisse querella.

Non satis est pulchra esse poemata; dulcia sunto,
et, quocumque volent, animum auditoris agunto.
Vt ridentibus arrident, ita flentibus adsunt
humani voltus: si vis me flere, dolendum est
primum ipsi tibi; tunc tua me infortunia laedent,
Telephe vel Peleu; male si mandata loqueris,
aut dormitabo aut ridebo. Tristia maestum
voltum verba decent, iratum plena minarum,
ludentem lasciva, severum seria dictu.
Format enim natura prius nos intus ad omnem

91. cena Thyestae: a proverbial expression, but here only used
as an example of a tragic theme.
92. singula quaeque, each particular style. — locum sortita: i.e.
the place allotted to it.
93. interdum, etc.: cf. Sat. I.
4. 48 and note.
96. Telephus et Peleus: examples of heroes in reduced circumstances, entreating favors, in which case they are made to adopt the simple language of pathos in order to touch the heart of the spectator.
97. ampullas: cf. I. 3. 14, and Greek ἀλκυός. No doubt the Greek word became proverbial from the jest in Aristoph. Frogs, 1200 seq. — sesquipedalia verba: i.e. the sounding style which belongs to kings and heroes.
98. tetigisse: not different from the present.
99. pulchra, fine, merely commanding admiration for the art. — dulcia: i.e. pathetic, which the language of common life only can be.
100. animum agunto: the idea is that it is only by sympathy, which does not respond to language too far removed from common life, that the audience can be moved.
102. voltus: of course the feelings are meant under the guise of their expression in the face.
104. male mandata, words ill-assigned, i.e. language not adapted to their situation.
106. voltum: again the face put for the feelings.
108. format, etc.: i.e. we are so made as to have a capacity for feel-
fortunarum habitum; iuvat aut impellit ad iram, aut ad humum maerore gravi deducit et angit; post effert animi motus interprete lingua. Si dicentis erunt fortunis absona dicta, Romani tollent equites peditesque cachinnnum. Intererit multum divusne loquatur an heros, maturusne senex an adhuc florente iuventa fervidus, an matrona potens, an sedula nutrix, mercatorne vagus, cultorne virentis agelli, Colchus an Assyrius, Thebis nutritus an Argis. Aut famam sequere, aut sibi convenientia finge. Scriptor honoratum si forte reponis Achillem, impiger, iracundus, inexorabilis, acer iura neget sibi nata, nihil non arroget armis. Sit Medea ferox invictaque, flebilis Ino, perfidus Ixion, Io vaga, tristis Orestes. Si quid inexpertum scanae committis et audes personam formare novam, servetur ad imum qualis ab incepto processerit et sibi constet. Difficile est propri commutia dicere, tuque rectius Iliacum carmen deducis in actus, conventional models, or in case one invents a new character he must make it consistent. 120. honoratum: probably only illustrius.—reponis: cf. ponere, v. 34. 121. impiger, etc.: because these are his conventional characteristics, and so with the others. 122. si quid, etc.: a development of sibi convenientia, v. 119. 123. propri, with originality, i.e. so as to make them one's own, as opposed to mere imitation. 124. Iliacum, etc.: i.e. it is better for you to keep to the conventional types than attempt anything unheard of. The precept has a
quam si proferres ignota indictaque primus.  
Publica materies privati iuris erit, si 
non circa vilem patulumque moraberis orbem; 
nec verbum verbo curabis reddere fidus 
interpres, nec desilies imitator in artum, 
unde pedem proferre pudor vetet aut operis lex.  

Nec sic incipies, ut scriptor cyclicus olim: 
'Fortunam Priami cantabo et nobile bellum.' 
Quid dignum tanto feret hic promissor hiatu? 
Parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus. 
Quanto rectius hic, qui nil molitur inepte:  
'Dic mihi Musa virum, captae post tempora Troiae 
qui mores hominum multorum vidit et urbes.' 
Non fumum ex fulgore, sed ex fumo dare lucem 
cogitat, ut speciosa dehinc miracula promat, 
Antiphaten Scyllamque et cum Cyclope Charybdim; 
nec reditum Diomedis ab interitu Meleagri, 
nec gemino bellum Troianum orditur ab ovo. 
Semper ad eventum festinat et in medias res,

personal air, as if one of the young men had composed plays on Homeric themes. Cf. the contrary-to-fact construction in v. 130.

131. publica, etc.: here, as elsewhere, the middle course is recommended, not to be a mere imitator through keeping strictly to the conventional. To the material, which belongs to all, you will have a right if you do not servilely follow your models.

133. curabis: best taken as a continuation of the protasis.

134. desilies: i.e. plunge without reflexion into a place where you will be hampered by your respect for your model, or by the laws of the composition.

136. incipies: in an imperative sense as a recommendation. Here begins a new canon, namely, that the plan of the work should have a modest beginning, and rise in interest to the end. — cyclicus: one of the cycle of poets who imitated and tried to complete or enlarge upon the Iliad and Odyssey. Tradition says Antimachus is meant.

138. hiatu: of the opening the mouth to speak.

141. dic, etc.: Od. I. I.

146. nec reditum, etc.: i.e. he does not begin his subject with irrelevant details, so that the hearer would be tired out before he comes to the important point.—Meleagri: he was the uncle of Diomedes, so that the stories would be remotely connected, but not forming one whole so as to be treated together.

147. ovo: i.e. from the birth of
Helen, though she was the cause of the war.

151. **ita mentitur**: *i.e.* the fictions which the poet introduces are so united with the rest, that there is no want of harmony in the treatment.

153. **tu quid ego**, etc.: a recommendation to the study of life, and careful attention to the treatment of character. This is closely connected with v. 114 seq., but there the poet speaks first of diction as connected with character, and afterwards of conventional character, while here he is treating of naturalness as drawn from the study of real life.

155. **cantor**: in the manuscripts of the plays, the final words or "tag" are assigned to a separate character marked ω. Hence it is supposed that the person here referred to was the vocalist who sang the *arias* or *cantica*; but cf. Cic. *pro Sest. 55*. 118, and *de Sen. 19*. 70.

157. **mobilibus**, etc.: *i.e.* the fitting charm must be given to each character as it changes with changing years, by observing carefully those changes in real life.

158. **scit, signat**: marking the age merely.

159. **gestit**, etc.: Horace now gives the appropriate conduct for each age.

161. **tandem**: *i.e.* he has long been impatient for this moment. —


164. **utilium**: *i.e.* of what is good for him.

Conversis studiis aetas animusque virilis quae
erit opes et amicitias, inservit honori, com-
mississe cavet quod mox mutare laboret. Multa
senem circumveniunt incommoda, vel quod
quaerit et inventis miser abstinet ac timet uti,
vel quod res omnis timide gelideque ministrat,
dilator, spe longus, iners, avidusque futuri,
difficilis, querulus, laudator temporis acti se
puero, castigator censorque minorum. Multa
ferunt anni venientes commoda secum; multa
recedentes adimunt. Ne forte seniles mandentur
iuveni partes pueroque viriles, semper in
adiunctis aevoque morabimur aptis.

Aut agitur res in scaenis, aut acta refertur.
Segnius irritant animos demissa per aurem
quam quae sunt oculis subiecta fidelibus et quae
ipse sibi tradit spectator. Non tamen intus

166. studiis, tastes. Cf. Cic. de Am. 20. 74.
167. honori, ambition, i.e. the pursuit of office.
169. incommoda: i.e. unlovely features, désagréments, disagreeable to
other people as well as himself.
170. inventis, etc.: cf. Sat. II. 3. 110.
171. gelide: i.e. without enthus-
siasm. — ministrat: a livelier term
for agit.
172. spe longus: i.e. he looks
far into the future, as opposed to
the youth, who lives in the present.
Cf. avidus futuri (i.e. eager for a
long life in which to realize the
hope whose fulfilment he does not,
like the youth, expect at once).
18. 65.
174. castigator, etc.: cf. II. 1. 84.
175. venientes: the years up to
the prime of life, the bona aetas,
are regarded as coming, because
there is an increase of pleasing
characteristics, while the later years
(mala aetas) are regarded as go-
ing because of a corresponding
decrease. Cf. II. 2. 55.
176. ne forte, etc.: a summing
up of the same general idea.
177. partes: i.e. the characteris-
tic actions as expressed in a drama.
178. aevoque: cf. quidque, Sat.
I. 4. 115 and note. — morabimur:
equivalent to a hortatory subjunc-
tive.
179. aut agitur, etc.: a precept
as to what is to be actually put on
the stage, and what merely to be
described. Here again a middle
course is recommended.
182. tradit: as the narrator
would communicate the action to
the persons on the stage, so here
the spectator is said to communicate
it to himself, be his own witness.
digna geri promes in scaenam, multaque tolles ex oculis quae mox narret facundia praesens, ne pueros coram populo Medea trucidet, aut humana palam coquat exta nefarius Atreus, aut in avem Procne vertatur, Cadmus in anguem. Quodcumque ostendis mihi sic, incredulus odi.

Neve minor neu sit quinto productior actu fabula, quae posci volt et spectata reponi. Nec deus intersit, nisi dignus vindice nodus inciderit: nec quarta loqui persona laboret. Actoris partes chorus officiumque virile defendat, neu quid medios intercinat actus

184. praesens: i.e. of a person on the stage, as opposed to the action behind the scene.
185. pueros, etc.: favorite subjects for dramatic treatment, but in which the action is too painful or too preposterous to be represented.
188. odi: merely dislike; the imagination refuses to credit the acts when brought face to face with them, and so we find them disagreeable.
189. minor, etc.: a precept as to the received length of a play. The division of a play into acts seems to have been the work of the Alexandrine critics. It undoubtedly grew out of the Prologue, three Episodes, and Exodus of the Greek Play.
191. deus: in the Greek Tragedy not infrequently supernatural personages were introduced. We may suppose that this became more common, so that they were employed to work the dénouement in cases where it was unnecessary, in order to save working out a plot by natural means. Hence the dictum of Horace. Cf. Eur. Andromache, v. 1227 seq.; Soph. Electra, v. 1233. — vindice, such interference, properly, champion, one to whom a person has recourse in time of trouble. Here the difficulty in which the hero is (nodus) must be one which seems naturally to require divine interposition. Cf. ut tragici poetae cum explicare argumenti exitum non potestis (Stoic philosophers) confugitis ad deum Cic. N. D. I. 20. 53.
192. quarta, etc.: the actors appearing on the Greek stage at one time, originally only one, were gradually increased to two (Æschylus) and three (Sophocles). If a fourth appeared, he was almost always a mere silent person. The Comedy was a little less strict, but yet this was the rule.
193. actoris, etc.: i.e. the chorus should have a distinct character as a group of persons with a definite part in the action, and not be an excrescence coming in to amuse the audience between the acts, with something unconnected with the plot. Cf. the piper between the first and second act of the Pseudolus of Plautus. — officiumque virile, its independent part (see above).
—chorus: for the presence of the chorus on the Latin stage, see Ribbeck, Römische Tragödie, p. 637.
quod non proposito conducat et haereat apte. 
Ille bonis faveatque et consilietur amice, 
et regat iratos et amet peccare timentes; 
ille dapes laudet mensae brevis, ille salubrem 
iustitiam legesque et apertis otia portis; 
ille tegat commissa, deosque precetur et oret 
Ut redate miseris, abeat fortuna superbis. 
Tibia non, ut nunc, orichalco vincita, tubaeque 
aemula, sed tenuis simplexque foramine pauco 
adspirare et adesse choris erat utilis, atque 
nondum spissa nimis complere sedilia flatu, 
quo sane populus numerabilis, upote parvus, 
et frugi castusque verecundusque coibat. 
Postquam coepit agros extendere victor et urbes

196. ille bonis, etc.: *i.e.* let the 
chorus (as is usual in the Greek 
Tragedy) be the spokesman of the 
moral views and precepts of 
the poet.


200. tegat commissa: as the 
chorus is present during the action, 
it would be the depositary of secrets, 
and by keeping them faithfully it 
should enforce the duty of this form 
of good faith. Cf. I. 18. 38; *Sat.* 
I. 3. 95; *Od. III.* 2. 25.

202. tibia, etc.: the poet in his 
rambling way proceeds to give an 
account of the development of the musical 
part of the drama. — orichalco vincita: the wood of the 
tibia was reinforced with metal to 
increase its resonance, but Horace 
here evidently is thinking of the 
double pipe and possibly only of the 
binding of the two reeds. The 
particular metal only indicates lux-
ury.

203. tenuis: *i.e.* of feeble tone. 
— simplex: *i.e.* not blown in pairs, 
as it was later. — foramine pauco: 
three or four holes only, from which 
the ancient scales were made out 
by the use of harmonics.

204. aspirare, etc., *accompany* 
and support. — *utilis*, *suitable*, im-
pliedly for the purpose mentioned, 
and no other.

205. nondum spissa nimis: of 
the small audience, the smallness of which is explained by the next 
line.

206. sane: this word in such 
connections gives a light tone, like our 
*rather, pretty, not very* (with 
*haud*), and the like. — *numerabi-
is*: Ritter compares *ειναιδήμιος*, 
making this an example of the 
choice of words mentioned in v. 53. 
— *parvus*: indicating the reason 
for *numerabilis*.

207. frugi, etc.: the reason why 
the people were contented with 
the simple music; they were not 
prone to luxurious gratification of 
the senses.

208. postquam, etc.: *i.e.* when 
the population became greater, and 
at the same time luxury and wan-
tonness increased, the taste for 
more complicated virtuoso music
latior amplecti murus vinoque diurno 
placari Genius festis impune diebus,
accessit numerisque modisque licentia maior.
Indoctus quid enim saperet liberque laborum
rusticus, urbano confusus, turpis honesto?
Sic priscae motumque et luxuriam addidit arti
tibicen traxitque vagus per pulpita vestem;
sic etiam fidibus voces crevere severis,
et tulit eloquium insolitum facundia praeecep,
utiliumque sagax rerum et divina futuri
sortilegis non discrepuit sententia Delphis.
Carmine qui tragicо vilem certavit ob hircum,
grew, and instead of being merely
a support for the chorus, the music
became a pleasure in itself.
209. diurno: cf. solido de die, 
Od. I. 1. 20. The whole gives a
picture of license and festivity as
opposed to the (supposed) earlier
religious simplicity of the Greek
Tragedy.
210. Genius: cf. II. 1. 144. —
impune: i.e. without restraint.
211. numeris modisque: cf.
II. 2. 144.
212. saperet: i.e. have just ideas
and good taste to hold in check
the extravagant growth of sensuous
music. — liber laborum: the recoil
from hard work would increase the
wildness of dissipation.
213. confusus: the mingling of
country and city would increase the
evil tendencies; so also would the
confusion of classes (turpis honesto).
214. sic: i.e. from these causes.
— motum, etc.: i.e. to the stately
measures of the old music greater
liveliness and more florid ornament
were added.
215. traxit: alluding to the long
tunic which the piper wore on the
stage. — vagus: i.e. he had full
possession of the stage, instead of
being merely a supporter of the
voices.
216. fidibus: i.e. the lyre also
went through the same develop-
ment. — voces crevere: alluding
to the gradual increase of the num-
ber of strings of the lyre, but ex-
pressing also the more free develop-
ment of the music. — severis, earn-
est, or serious in the simplicity of
its strains.
217. et tulit, etc.: i.e. the same
change took place in the style of
the choral song. This forms in a
manner the connection of v. 202 seq.
with v. 93 seq. — tulit, brought in.
— facundia praeecep, fervid elo-
quence, as a quality of the writer,
while eloquium refers to the result
produced.
218. utilium rerum: i.e. moral
precepts and wise saws, such as
abound in Euripides.
219. non discrepuit, etc.: i.e.
it did not differ much from the style
of the inspired oracles, doubtless in
obscurity as well as wildness.
220. qui, etc.: i.e. the earliest
tragedian. Cf. II. 1. 163. — hir-
cum: cf. the commonly received
derivation of τραγῳδίας, from τρα-
mox etiam agrestis Satyros nudavit, et asper incolumi gravitate iocum tentavit eo, quod illecebris erat et grata novitate morandus spectator, functusque sacris et potus et exlex. Verum ita risores, ita commendare dicacis conveniet Satyros, ita vertere seria ludo, ne quicumque deus, quicumque adhibebitur heros, regali conspectus in auro nuper et ostro, migret in obscurs humili sermone tabernas, aut, dum vitat humum, nubes et inania captet. Effutire levis indigna tragœdia versus,  

γός, considered as the prize of the rivalry in song. This view assumes that there were contests in the earlier times, as there were later.  

221. mox etiam: i.e. the Satyr drama followed very early the invention of Tragedy. — agrestis Satyros: it would appear from the directions given that the Satyric drama was also cultivated at Rome, at least by authors. Whether such plays were ever acted is uncertain. — nudavit: the Satyrs as wild creatures naturally appeared with the upper and lower part of their bodies really or apparently naked. — asper: i.e. rude and simple in art.  

222. gravitate: i.e. the dignity of the occasion as one of worship, and one in which gods and heroes appeared.  

223. morandus: i.e. after the tragedies and the completion of the serious part of the festival.  

224. sacris: the festival of Dionysus, in whose honor the tragedy was performed. — exlex: freed from restraint by the festival character of the day. The picture does not differ much from that in v. 210, though Horace assigns the two to different times. It would seem that Horace conceived the Satyric drama as an outlet for the merriment of the spectator, designed to keep him out of mischief in his riotous condition.  

225. verum, etc.: but even in this riotous performance a middle course is recommended as the law of the work, so that the dignity of the higher characters should still be preserved, though the humorous aspects of the situation are to be brought out. — risores: in accordance with their nature the Satyrs were a merry crew. — dicacis: i.e. making sport of the humors of the situation, sarcastic and abusive.  

226. seria: the Satyr drama was far removed from Comedy. In the only one preserved, the Cyclops of Euripides, the characters are Ulysses, Silenus, the Cyclops, and a Chorus of Satyrs. The plot is treated as seriously as in a tragedy, only a comic myth is used instead of a tragic one, and the humorous aspects of the situation are brought out.  

228. conspectus nuper: i.e. in the tragedy which had preceded.  

230. nubes, etc.: i.e. the style should not, on the other hand, be too grandiloquent for the situation.  

231. effutire, etc.: the caution
ut festis matrona moveri iussa diebus,
intererit Satyris paullum pudibunda protervis.
Non ego inornata et dominantia nomina solum
verbaque, Pisones, Satyrorum scriptor amabo;
 nec sic enitar tragico differre colori,
ut nihil intersit, Davusne loquatur et audax
Pythias, emuncto lucrata Simone talentum,
an custos famulusque dei Silenus alumni.
Ex noto fictum carmen sequar, ut sibi quivis
speret idem, sudet multum frustraque laboret
ausus idem: tantum series iuncturaque pollet,
tantum de medio sumptis accedit honoris.
Silvis deducti caveant, me iudice, Fauni,
ne velut innati triviis ac paene
forenses aut nimium teneris iuvenentur versibus umquam,
aut immunda crepent ignominiosaque dicta.

against too undignified a style is
further developed as far as v. 239.
— digna, not deigning, too
distinguished for such dialogue.
232. matrona: i.e. as a respect-
able matron, though dancing at a
festival, will still preserve a proper
decorum.
233. pudibunda, with modesty,
so as not to drop to a level with the
Satyric characters proper.
234. dominantia, literal, a trans-
lation (probably in a wrong sense)
of κύριος, opposed to figurative
expressions. — nomina verbaque:
cf. Sat. I. 3. 103.
236. differre: i.e. in order to
avoid the majestic style of Tragedy,
one must not descend to the level
of Comedy.
237. Davus, etc.: three charac-
ters of Comedy.
238. emuncto: a word borrowed
from Comedy.
239. Silenus: cf. note to v. 226.
— alumni: i.e. Bacchus.
240. noto: i.e. familiar words.
— quivis: cf. quotations from Cic-
ero under v. 46.
243. accedit, is gained by; i.e.
comes from the appropriate use.
244. Fauni: i.e. Satyrs.
245. innati triviis, etc.: like the
sharp fellows of the city.— paene
forenses: almost like the rude
gamins of the street.
246. teneris, effeminate, disso-
lute, as opposed to the healthy
vigor of the rustic. Though these
are merry rioters, yet they are to
have the unspoiled virility of the
country. They should be coarse,
but not vicious. Cf. teneri saltatores,
Cic. in Pis. XXXVI. 89, and the use
of mollis, fluens, fluxus.— iuve-
nentur: cf. νεανιεβομαι, frolic, want-
ton.
247. immunda, obscenities. —
crepent, roll out. — ignominiosa,
shameful (to the speaker, or possi-
Offenduntur enim, quibus est equus et pater et res, nec si quid fricti ciceris probat et nucis emptor, aequis accipiunt animis donantve corona.

Syllaba longa brevi subiecta vocatur iambus, pes citus; unde etiam trimetris accrescere iussit nomen iambeis, cum senos redderet ictus, primus ad extremum similis sibi: non ita pridem, tardior ut paullo graviorque veniret ad aures, spondeos stabilis in iura paterna recepit commodus et patiens, non ut de sede secunda cederet aut quarta socialiter. Hic et in Acci nobilibus trimetris apparat rarus, et Enni

bly to the person addressed, like billingsgate).

248. equus: the allusion is to the equus publicus originally assigned to the equites.

249. ciceris, nucis: the food of the poorer classes; cf. Sat. II. 3. 182. These viands were sold in booths around the theatre; hence emptor.

250. aequis animis, with favor, or approval. — corona: the idea is derived from Greek contests, and is here only figuratively used.

251. syllaba, etc.: apparently an unnecessary explanation. But as Horace is going to discuss the strict metre of the Greeks as opposed to the license of the early Roman dramatists, it is not so unnatural for him to begin with a definition, especially as it is precisely the syllaba brevis that makes the difference.

252. pes citus: the same general idea is expressed in, Sed sunt insignes percussiones eorum numerorum (Iambic and Trochaic) et minuti pedes, Cic. de Orat. III. 47, 182. — unde: i.e. from the rapidity of the feet, and frequent occurrence of the ictus (cf. percussiones, above). — trimetris: cf. nomen mihi Mercurioist. — accrescere: become attached. — iussit: i.e. pes citus.

254. iambeis: as a noun, after accrescere. — senos: i.e. six feet with only three principal ictus, like music in time as opposed to

255. primus, etc.: i.e. pure iambics, as in the alternate lines of Epode XVI. — non ita pridem, etc.: Horace conceives the pure iambic as the original form of the verse, made more sonorous by the occasional spondee (so called) after the time of Archilochus; cf. v. 80.

256. stabilis, stately, steady-going.

257. non ut, but not so as to.

258. socialiter: only here, and of uncertain meaning; (probably), as full allies, in equal partnership, inasmuch as spondees are not socii aequo iure, but are excluded from certain places. — hic: the iambus. — Acci: cf. Accius isdem aedilibus (B.C. 140) ait se et Pacuvium docuisse fabulam cum ille octoginta, ipse tritiginta annos natus esset, Cic. Brut. LXIV. 229. Horace probably refers to him as the most learned of the early dramatists.

259. Enni, etc.: i.e. his power
in scaenam missos cum magno pondere versus
aut operae celeris nimium curaque carentis
aut ignoratae premit artis crimine turpi.
Non quivis videt immodulata poemata iudex,
et data Romanis venia est indigna poetis.
Idcircone vager scribamque licenter, an omnes
visuros peccata putem mea, tutus et intra
spem veniae cautus? Vitavi denique culpam,
non laudem merui. Vos exemplaria Graeca
nocturna versate manu, versate diurna.

At vestri proavi Plautinos et numeros et
laudavere sales, nimium patienter utrumque,
ne dicam stulte, mirati, si modo ego et vos
scimus inurbanum lepido seponere
dicto, legitimumque sonum digitis callemus et aure.
Ignotum tragicae genus invenisse
dicitur et plaustris vexisse poemata Thespis,

ful lines are marred by carelessness or want of knowledge of art.
260. cum magno pondere: cf. sine pondere, II. 2. 112.
262. premit: i.e. the iambus, from its omission.
263. non quivis, etc.: i.e. but the Romans are not good judges of rhythm, and so the metrical faults of these early poets are pardoned.
264. indigna, undeserved, that ought not to have been granted.
265. idcircone: i.e. because others have been pardoned. — vager, take liberties. — an, or rather, the second alternative being preferred as usual.
267. vitavi, etc.: i.e. if I do exercise this care, I have after all deserved no credit, but only avoided blame, implying that it would be a disgrace to him not to do so.
268. vos, etc.: i.e. I recommend you to study the true models, and aim at something higher than merely escaping censure.
270. at vestri, etc.: a loose chapter in which the poet, being reminded by the mention of careless metre of the faults of Plautus in that regard, criticises the taste of the ancients on account of their admiration of the careless writing of Plautus. This admiration extended both to the verse and the wit of Plautus, and on both these points Horace finds him unworthy as a model. Giving a brief account of the rise of the drama, Horace comes to his ever-present idea that careful composition is the one indispensable virtue.
271. patienter, with indulgence.
273. inurbanum: i.e. coarse, unpolished, the characteristic of Plautus.
276. Thespis: cf. II. 1. 163. — plaustris: apparently an erroneous notion, to which Horace's words here have given currency.
quae canerent agerentque peruncti faecibus ora. Post hunc, personae pallaeque repertor honestae, Aeschylus et modicis instravit pulpita tignis et docuit magnumque loqui nitique cothurno. Successit vetus his comoedia, non sine multa laude, sed in vitium libertas excidit et vim dignam lege regi: lex est accepta chorusque turpiter obticuit sublato iure nocendi. Nil intentatum nostri liquere poetae; nec minimum meruere decus vestigia Graeca ausi deserere et celebrare domestica facta, vel qui praetextas vel qui docuere togatas. Nec virtute foret clarisve potentius armis quam lingua Latium, si non offenderet unum-

277. peruncti, etc.: doubtless for the same purpose as the later masks, to prevent the recognition of the identity of the actor from destroying the illusion.

278. personae, etc.: Aeschylus was supposed to be the inventor of the mask and other theatrical paraphernalia. The earlier performance was doubtless a mere merry-making, without special costume. Cf. Kal Aισχύλος δὲ οὐ μόνον ἔτειρε τὴν τὴς στολῆς εὑρέσεων, καὶ σεμγνώτητα, ἥν (ζηλώσαντες (ζηλώσας ἥν) ἱεροφάνται καὶ δαδοῦξοι ἀμφιέννυται. Athenaeus I. 21.

279. modicis: as in a small theatre.—pulpita: i.e. the raised stage, as opposed to the earlier θυμέλη, or table of the single reciter.—tignis: i.e. the first stage was a temporary structure of wood. Cf. Müller, Bühnenalterthümer, p. 128 seq.

280. magnum, etc.: i.e. he introduced the dignity and solemnity of Tragedy.


283. lex, etc.: i.e. the law was passed and obeyed.

285. nil, etc.: a brief statement, of the adoption of the Greek drama by the Romans, and its attempted development.

287. domestica facta: i.e. the choice of Roman subjects.

288. praetextas: i.e. plays answering to Tragedy, as representing the acts of consuls and the like, clothed in the toga praetexta. Titles preserved are Romulus (Navius), Sabinae (Ennius), Aeneadæ (Accius), and others.—docuere: the regular word for producing a play.—togatas: plays on themes from common life (of persons clad in the ordinary toga). They correspond to the Greek Comedy as represented in the palliatae of Plautus and Terence, but there are traces of a chorus, or at least of a number of persons speaking in concert. Titles are Augur, Libertus, Psaltria, Su-mulans, Brundisinae.

290. si non offenderet, etc.: this brings Horace to the kernel of the whole, the want of care in writing
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quamque poetarum limae labor et mora. Vos, o Pompilius sanguis, carmen reprehendite, quod non multa dies et multa litura coercuit atque perfectum decies non castigavit ad unguem.

Ingenium misera quia fortunatius arte credit et excludit sanos Helicone poetas Democritus, bona pars non unguis ponere curat, non barbam; secreta petit loca, balnea vitat. Nanciscetur enim pretium nomenque poetae, si tribus Anticyris caput insanabile nunquam tonsori Licino commiserit. O ego laevus, qui purgor bilem sub verni temporis horam! Non alius faceret meliora poetama. Verum nil tanti est: ergo fungar vice cotis, acutum reddere quae ferrum valet, exsors ipsa secandi:

munus et officium, nil scribens ipse, docebo,

which has prevented the Romans from excelling in art.


293. coercuit, castigavit: the figure is from pruning.

294. ad unguem: cf. Sat. I. 5. 32. — perfectum: cf. v. 346. A reading praesectum has some authority, but seems to be ingeniously made out of unguem.

295. ingenium misera, etc.: a humorous development of v. 290. — ingenium, genius, as inborn and not cultivable by art. — fortunatius, more successful, as succeeding in literature better than study can.

296. excludit, etc.: cf. δ's δ' ἄν ἄνευ μανίας Μουσῶν ἐπὶ ποιητικός θύρας ἀφίκηται... ἀτελῆς αὐτὸς, κτλ. Plato, Phaedr. p. 245, and saepe enim audiui poetae bonum neminem, id quod a Democrito et Platone in scriptis reliquit esse dicunt, sine inflammatione animorum existere posse et sine quodam adflatu quasi furoris. Cic. de Or. 46.

194; de Div. I. 37. Also Sat. I. 4. 34.

297. bona pars, etc.: i.e. poets put on the outward signs of madness, such as the neglect of their personal appearance, and the avoidance of society.

299. nanciscetur, etc.: as the poets think. — pretium: i.e. the honor.


301. O ego, etc.: the poet jovocosely shows the folly of the idea in words which give an easy transition to his proposed theme, the requirements of poetry.

302. bilem: see Gr. § 240 c, note; cf. II. 2. 137. — verni: cf. Cels. II. 13.

303. faceret: i.e. if I omitted to take the anti-bilious treatment. — verum, etc.: i.e. but there is nothing I think so much of as guarding against insanity.

304. ergo fungar, etc.: i.e. being obliged by this prejudice to forego being a poet, I will content myself with showing others how to write.

305. munus, function, what is
unde parentur opes, quid alat formetque poetam, quid deceat, quid non, quo virtus, quo ferat error.

Scribendi recte sapere est et principium et fons. Rem tibi Socraticae poterunt ostendere chartae, verbaque provisam rem non invita sequuntur. Qui didicit, patriae quid debeat et quid amicis, quo sit amore parens, quo frater amandus et hospes, quod sit in bellum missi ducis, ille profecto reddere personae scit convenientia cuique. 

Respicere exemplar vitae morumque iubebo doctum imitatorem et vivas hinc duce voces. Interdum speciosa locis morataque recte fabula nullius veneris, sine pondere et arte, valdus oblectat populum meliusque moratur quam versus inopes rerum nugaeque canorae.

Graiis ingenium, Grais dedit ore rotundo

necessary to give satisfaction to the hearer. — officium, profession, what the work itself demands, emphasizing the responsibility of the author. These ideas are not different, but, as often, the two phases of the same idea.

307. unde parentur, etc.: cf. vv. 309-322. — quid alat, etc.: cf. vv. 323-332. 308. quid deceat, etc.: cf. vv. 333-365. — quo virtus, etc.: cf. vv. 366-452. — quo error: cf. vv. 453-476. 309. sapere: with reference to v. 296. 310. rem: material, such as is described in v. 312 seq. — Socraticae: i.e. philosophic, but chiefly with reference to Ethics (cf. v. 312 seq.); see Od. I. 29. 14; III. 21. 9. 311. verba: etc.: cf. Cato’s rem tene, verba sequentur. 315. partes: cf. I. 18. 14. 316. reddere, assign. The reference here, as for the most part throughout the epistle, is to dramatic poetry, in which characterization is of course the most important thing.

317. exemplar, etc.: in addition to philosophy the poet should study real life. 318. imitatorem: delineator; i.e. imitator of real life. 319. speciosa locis: i.e. with noble and pleasing sentiments (communes loci). — morata recte: i.e. with sound moral precepts suited to each character. 320. sine pondere, without power; i.e. to move the feelings, tame in the action, dull. 321. moratur, holds. 322. rerum: i.e. sententiarum, the same as the loci above, thoughts, sentiments, moral truths. — nugae: i.e. in so far as they have no moral purpose. 323. Grais, etc.: the mention of sententiae leads Horace to account
Musa loqui, praeter laudem nullius avaris. Romani pueri longis rationibus assem discunt in partes centum diducere. ‘Dicat filius Albini: Si de quincunce remota est uncia, quid superat? Poteras dixisse.’ ‘Triens’ ‘Eu! rem poteris servare tuam! Redit uncia, quid fit?’ ‘Semis.’ At haec animos aerugo et cura peculi cum semel imbuerit, speramus carmina fingi posse linenda cedro et levi servanda cupresso?

Aut prodesse volunt, aut delectare poetae, aut simul et iucunda et idonea dicere vitae. Quicquid praecipies, esto brevis, ut cito dicta percipiant animi dociles teneantque fideles.

for the superiority of the Greeks in genius. For it is their devotion to liberal arts, more especially philosophy, as opposed to the more commercial education of the Romans, that has caused this difference.

324. avaris: an anticipation of what Horace has in his mind from the first, that is, the sordid character he is going to assign to the Romans in the next verse. Of this the Greeks had nothing, except in regard to fame.

325. longis, etc.: i.e. what we call Vulgar Fractions, which would be learned at a very early age; hence the simplicity of the example.

326. dicat, etc.: an example of the principal teaching at Rome.

327. Albini: as the name is not a common one, it is probably that of a usurer, as Acron says. — quincunce: the calculation is in the complicated duodecimal system of the Romans.

328. poteras dixisse; come; you can tell. The teacher encourages the pupil who hesitates for a moment. This hesitation accounts for the use of the imperfect poteras, you could tell (if you chose, or the like). Cf. tempus erat, Od. I. 37. 4.

— dixisse: the perfect only for metrical reasons. — triens: one-third, i.e. four-twelfths. — eu! rem, etc.: the approval of the teacher, induced by the correct answer of the pupil. But there is also a moral approval; for if the boy understands fully that taking away a twelfth actually reduces the sum to a third, he is likely to look sharply after his fractional currency.

329. redit: is added, a kind of passive of reddo. Cf. for red, also redigo, used of moneys.


332. linenda cedro: i.e. to be preserved. The oil of cedar was used to keep off moths. — cupresso: the elegant bookcase suggests the value of the work.

333. aut prodesse, etc.: the beginning of the topic quid deceat (v. 308). This Horace treats under two heads, as to instruction and as to amusement.

335. quicquid, etc.: in reference to the prodesse and idonea.
Omne supervacuum pleno de pectore manat. Ficta voluptatis causa sint proxima veris, ne quodcumque velit poscat sibi fabula credi, neu pransae Lamiae vivum puerum extrahat alvo. 340
Sunt delicta tamen quibus ignovisse velimus. Nam neque chorda sonum reddit, quem volt manus et mens,

337. omne supervacuum, etc.: i.e. as everything additional overflows after a vessel is full, so if precepts are too long, they "go in at one ear and out at the other."

338. ficta, etc.: in reference to the delectare and iucunda. — proxima veris: an exhortation to realism in art.

339. ne quodcumque, etc.: i.e. too wild an imagination must not be indulged. — fabula, a play, which Horace has always in mind throughout, though not exclusively.

340. Lamiae, an ogress, a monster of Libya supposed to feed on children, and used as a bugbear. She was probably introduced on the stage in the Atellane farces, and perhaps in this very situation. Cf. Aristoph. *Wasp*, 1177. See Diod. Sic. **XX. 41.**

341. centuriae seniorum, etc.: a reason for combining the profitable and pleasing. — seniorum, veterans, in allusion to the divisions of the Servian constitution, cf. II. 1. 81, 85. — agitant: i.e. reject, cf. 456. — expertia frugis: i.e. a play that has no edification in it.

342. celsi, high-spirited, as disdaining instruction with the arrogant spirit of youth. — austera: i.e. containing only instruction. — Ramnes, young nobles, as bent on pleasure only. The word is used in allusion to the earliest equites, who consisted of the juniors of the first families. One branch of these equites were Ramnes. See Lange, *Röm. Alterth.* I. 353. Also Livy, I. 13.

343. omne, etc.: i.e. by combining the two excellences, an author carries all the votes of both the parties mentioned. — tuit: see Harpers' Dictionary, s.v. II. B. 4. — punctum: cf. II. 2. 99 and note.

345. meret, etc.: i.e. it sells well. — Sosiis: cf. I. 20. 2 and note. — mare transit: cf. I. 20. 13, but here the same idea has a different turn.

347. sunt delicta, etc.: as in Horace's mind every rule of conduct has its opposite phase, so here he warns against drawing the line of propriety too closely. *Vitis nemo sine nascitur*, either in conduct or in art. Cf. *Sat.* I. 3. 68.

348. chorda, etc.: a figure drawn from the lyre.
poscentique gravem persaepe remittit acutum, 
nec semper feriet, quodcumque minabitur arcus. 350
Verum ubi plura nitent in carmine, non ego paucis
offendar maculis, quas aut incuria fudit,
aut humana parum cavit natura. Quid ergo est ?
Vt scriptor si peccat idem librarius usque,
quamvis est monitus, venia caret, et citharoedus
ridetur chorda qui semper oberrat eadem,
sic mihi, qui multum cessat, fit Choerilus ille,
quem bis terve bonum cum risu miror ; et idem
indignor quandoque bonus dormitat Homerus.
Verum operi longo fas est obrepere somnum. 360
Vt pictura, poesis ; erit quae, si proprius stes,
te capiat magis, et quaedam, si longius abstes.
Haec amat obscurum ; volet haec sub luce videri,
uidicis argutum quae non formidat acumen ;
haec placuit semel, haec deciens repetita placebit.

350. minabitur: sc. ferire.
351. plura, etc.: cf. si modo pluram mihi bona sunt, Sat. I.
3. 71.
353. humana: with emphasis; 
the necessary failings of human na-
ture.—quid ergo est: what shall we say then ? (cf. Romans VI. 1), a 
correction of the inference which
might be drawn from the above 
leniency.
357. multum cessat: i.e. is ever negligent.—Choerilus: cf. II. 1.
233.
358. bis terve bonum: i.e. it is 
a matter of proportion. — miror: 
 i.e. I marvel that he should happen
to succeed once or twice, and laugh 
at the odd accident.
359. indignor, feel grieved, be-
cause I should have expected better 
of him. The two feelings thus con-
trasted show Horace's general esti-
mate of the two poets; a good thing
in Choerilus makes him laugh, it is 
so unexpected, and for the same 
reason a bad thing in Homer makes
him indignant.
360. verum operi longo: i.e. 
there is an excuse for Homer in the 
length of his work.—somnum, a 
sleepy moment.
361. ut pictura, etc.: i.e. a work 
of art should be judged like a pic-
ture, not by an immutable criterion, 
but in reference to its character 
and scope. Tintoretto and Holbein 
are not expected to have the same 
touch. All this applies also to 
poetry.
363. amat obscurum: i.e. needs 
a dim light.
365. semel, deciens: i.e. a pic-
ture, for instance, to be seen once 
at some festival would need a dif-
ferent treatment from a permanent 
work of art.
O maior iuvenum, quamvis et voce paterna
fingeris ad rectum et per te sapis, hoc tibi dictum
tolle memori, certis medium et tolerabile rebus
recte concedi: consultus iuris et actor
causarum mediocris abest virtute diserti
Messalae, nec scit quantum Cascellius Aulus,
se tamen in pretio est; mediocribus esse poetis
non homines, non di, non concessere columnae.
Vt gratas inter mensas symphonia discors
et crassum ungumentum et Sardo cum melle papaver
offendunt, poterat duci quia cena sine istis:
sic animis natum inventumque poema iuvandis,
si paullum summum dedit, verigt ad imum.
Ludere qui nescit, campestribus abstinet armis,
indoctusque pilae discive trochive quiescit,
straint, which nobody would have a right to hinder. — *corona*: cf. I. 18. 53.

382. quidni, etc.: an ironical suggestion that any free citizen with a competence and a good moral character can write.

383. *ingenuus*, a gentleman; *i.e.* not only a free citizen, but the son of a free father. — *census*, with a fortune of, or assessed for. — *eques-trem*: cf. I. 1. 58 and note.

384. *summam*: governed by *census*, used after the analogy of verbs taking a double accusative.


386. *iudiciuim*: cf. v. 367. — *mens*, *purpose*: *i.e.* you have the good judgment and (at present) a fixed purpose, etc.

387. *Maeci*: cf. Sat. I. 10. 38. — *in aures*, etc.: *i.e.* seek the most rigid criticism.

388. *nonum*: not to be taken too literally, but there is perhaps an allusion to the *Smyrna* of Helvius Cinna, which was nine years in the making. See Catull. 95. 1. Wieland takes the words as intended to dissuade the young man from publishing. But this Horace would be likely to do privately, rather than in an open letter.

391. *silvestris*, etc.: a defence of the dignity of poetry. It must be remembered that the practical Roman regarded everything but war, statesmanship, and money-making as idle and unmanly employments, and hence even Cicero has to defend his interest in these *leviores artes* (as in *pro Arch.* 12 seq.). — *sacer*: the early poets were regarded as inspired (cf. Virg. *Aen.* VI. 662 and 645), and had in all literature a kind of superhuman character; cf. *vate sacrâ*, Od. IV. 9. 28.


393. *ob hoc*, etc.: *i.e.* Horace explains the myths about Orpheus as referring to his taming the savage hearts of men.

saxa movere sono testudinis et prece blanda
ducere quo vellet. Fuit haec sapientia quondam,
publica privatis secernere, sacra profanis,
concubitu prohibere vago, dare iura maritis,
oppida moliri, leges incidere ligno.
Sic honor et nomen divinis vatibus atque
carminibus venit. Post hos insignis Homerus
Tyrtæusque mares animos in Martia bella
versibus exacuit; dictae per carmina sortes,
et vitae monstrata via est; et gratia regum
Pieriis tentata modis, ludusque repertus
et longorum operum finis: ne forte pudori
sit tibi Musa lyrae sollers et cantor Apollo.

Natura fieret laudabile, carmen an arte
quaesitum est: ego nec studium sine divite vena,
nec rude quid possit video ingenium; alterius sic
altera poscit opem res, et coniurat amice.
Qui studet optatam cursu contingere metam,
multa tulit fecitque puer, sudavit et alsit;

396. fuit haec sapientia: i.e. such acts as those of Orpheus and Amphion were regarded as wisdom, inasmuch as they gave civilization
to mankind. Cf. Cíc. de Am. 2. 6 and 7.
400. sic, etc.: i.e. inasmuch as the poets performed these services, they were regarded with reverence.
402. post hos, etc.: i.e. the next service to mankind was that of Homer and Tyrtæus in inspiring men
to warlike deeds by their poems.
403. sortes: i.e. oracles were in poetical form.
404. vitæ via, etc.: referring to the didactic and gnomic poets, Hesiod and the like. —gratia regum: alluding to lyric poets, who flourished at the courts of monarchs.
405. Pierii: cf. Od. IV. 3. 18. —ludus: i.e. dramatic poetry; cf. II. 1. 140.
408. natura, etc.: cf. v. 295.
409. nec studium, etc.: cf. Cicero's view, in pro Archia, 15, so also Od. IV. 4. 33.—vena: cf. Od. II. 18. 10.
410. rude, raw.
412. qui studet, etc.: a confirmatory parallel from gymnastic art.
abstinuit venere et vino. Qui Pythia cantat tibicen, didicit prius extimuitque magistrum. Nunc satis est dixisse: 'Ego mira poemata pango; occupet extremum scabies; mihi turpe relinquui est et quod non didici sane nescire fateri.'

Vt praeco ad merces turbam qui cogit emendas, adsentatores iubet ad lucrume ire poeta
dives agris, dives positis in faenore nummis.
Si vero est unctum qui recte ponere possit, et spondere levi pro paupere, et eripere atris litibus implicitum, mirabor, si sciet inter-noscere mendacem verumque beatus amicum.
Tu seu donaris, seu quid donare voles cui, nolito ad versus tibi factos ducere plenum

414. qui ... cantat, etc.: another parallel from music.—Pythia: referring to the musical contests at the Greek games; cf. Olympiæa, I. 1. 50.
416. nunc, etc.: i.e. but now we have changed all that, and everybody enters the race and is ashamed to be left behind.—ego mira, etc.: i.e. go to, I'll rhyme it with the best, and the Devil take the hindmost.
417. sane, at all, cf. I. 7. 61.
The whole is a repetition of the theme in v. 382 seq.
419. ut praeco, etc.: a warning against flattery; cf. v. 387 seq.
420. ad lucrum ire: i.e. the auctioneer bids the people come and make their fortune by great bargains, and so the rich author tacitly says to his flattering hearers that it will be their gain.
421. dives agris, etc.: repeated from Sat. I. 2. 13.
422. si vero est: opposed to tu, etc.; i.e. such a man can hardly tell the difference between the true friend and the flatterer, so it isn't much use to warn him; but you must be on your guard. Cf. Cicero's picture of the assentator, de Am. 25. 94 seq. —unctum: cf. Sat. II. 6. 64, and Ep. I. 14. 21, I. 15. 44.—recte, in style.—ponere: cf. Sat. II. 2. 23.—possit: it is implied also that he can descend to such means.
423. spondere: i.e. become his security on one of the numerous occasions where that service was required; cf. II. 2. 67.—levi: i.e. humble, irresponsible; cf. gravis auctor and the like.—atris, dismal; i.e. harassing, worrying; cf. atra cura.
425. beatus, tickled with men's praise, but cf. II. 2. 108.
426. donaris (fut. perf.): i.e. if you have already a protégé.
427. nolito, etc.: i.e. amid the pleasures of the table, when the poet is made happy by your entertainment.
laetitiae; clamabit enim 'pulchre! bene! recte!' pallescet super his; etiam stillabitanicis ex oculis rorem, saliet, tundet pede terram. Vt qui conducti plorant in funere, dicunt et faciunt prope plura dolentibus ex animo, sic derisor vero plus laudatore movetur. Reges dicuntur multis urgere culullis et torquere mero, quem perspexisse laborant, an sit amicitia dignus: si carmina condes, nunquam te fallant animi sub volpe latentes. Quintilio si quid recitares, 'Corrige sodes hoc,' aiebat, 'et hoc:' melius te posse negares bis terque expertum frustra, delere iubebat et male tornatos incudi reddere versus. Si defendere delictum quam vtere malles, nullum ultra verbum aut operam insumebat inanem, quin sine rivali teque et tua solus amares. Vir bonus et prudens versus reprehendet inertes, culpabit duros, incomptis adlinet atrum

429. pallescet: i.e. with interest in the poem.—super his, besides; see Sat. II. 6. 3 (but cf. II. 1. 152).

430. saliet, etc.: of the guest’s extreme enthusiasm over the work.

433. derisor: i.e. the parasite who makes sport by excessive flattery. Cf. Sat. II. 8. 65 seq.

434. reges, etc.: i.e. instead of using your wine and dainties to extract insincere praise, do as kings are wont, use the bowl to discover whether admirers are honest; cf. laetitiae, v. 428.


437. fallant: hortatory.

438. Quintilio: Quintilius Varus (cf. Od. I. 24. 5), an example of a sincere friend and critic, such as one ought to choose.—recitares: general condition in the second person singular, thrown into past time.

439. negares: hortatory subjunctive used as a condition, thrown into past time.

440. bis terque, etc.: i.e. after trying several times.

441. incudi reddere: i.e. to forge them all over anew.

442. malles: cf. note to negares.

444. quin: on account of the idea of hindrance in the preceding verse.—sine rivali: i.e. as Cicero says of Pompey, “in love with himself without a rival,” ad Q. Frat. III. 8. 4.

445. vir bonus et prudens: i.e. a friend who is both honest and wise when applied to as a critic.
transverso calamo signum, ambitiosa recidet ornamenta, parum claris lucem dare coget, arguet ambigue dictum, mutanda notabit, fiet Aristarchus, nec dicet, ‘Cur ego amicum offendam in nugis?’ Hae nugae seria ducent in mala derisum semel exceptumque sinistre.

Vt mala quem scabies aut morbus regius urget, aut fanaticus error et iracunda Diana, vesanum tetigisse timent fugiuntque poetam qui sapiunt, agitant pueri incautique sequuntur. Hic, dum sublimis versus ructatur et errat*; si veluti merulis intentus decidit auceps in puteum foveamve; licet ‘Succurrite’ longum clamet ‘io cives,’ non sit qui tollere curet.

Si curet quis opem ferre et demittere funem, ‘Qui scis an prudens huc se proiecerit atque so with Diana, was supposed to cause madness in those who offended her; cf. Soph. Ajax, 172.

transverso: *i.e.* crossing out. —calamo: the reference here is to writing with a pen, as above in delere to writing with a stilus. —ambitiosa: not merely *ambitious* in our sense, but with the figure still alive, courting admiration by the use of forced expressions, ostentatious.


451. nugis: *i.e.* slight faults.

452. derisum semel, etc.: *i.e.* in his public appearance, inasmuch as these faults will hazard the poet’s reputation.

453. ut mala, etc.: *i.e.* the faults will make men avoid the poet as if he had a contagious disease or a frenzy. —morbus regius: *i.e.* the jaundice, regarded as contagious.

454. Diana: the Thracian Brauronia, identified with Artemis, and

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459. longum: *i.e.* so as to be heard afar. Cf. the Scotch “a far cry.”

460. clamet: cf. I. 17. 60. —non sit: amounting to an imperative, whether it is directly hortatory (as in I. 18. 72) or in the “potential” construction in accordance with *timent*, v. 455, implying “no wise man,” etc.

461. si curet, etc.: *i.e.* the fellow is so foolish, the presumption is that he wished to destroy himself like Empedocles.

462. qui scis an, how do you know but? with the affirmative idea contained in *nescio an* etc.
servari nolit? dicam, Siculique poetae narrabo interitum. 'Deus immortalis haberidum cupidit Empedocles, ardentem frigidus Aetnam insiluit. Sit ius licatque perire poetis. Invitum qui servat, idem facit occidenti. Nec semel hoc fecit, nec, si retractus erit, iam fiet homo et ponet famosae mortis amorem. Nec satis appareat, cur versus factitet; utrum minixerit in patrios cineres, an triste bidental moverit incestus: certe fuit, ac velut ursus obiectos caveæ valuit si frangere clatros, indoctum doctumque fugat recitator acerbus; quem vero arripuit, tenet occiditque legendo, non missura cutem, nisi plena cruoris, hirudo.'

463. Siculique poetae: Empedocles who, according to the story which Horace gives, threw himself into the crater of Ætna in order to disappear miraculously.

465. dum cupid, etc.: cf. I. 2. 21 and note. — frigidus: a grim joke. Empedocles is called cold as opposed to the fire of Ætna, implying that his act was done without excitement, in cold blood; cf. the uses of calidus.

467. idem: i.e. just as much, an equal outrage. — occidenti, governed by idem, in imitation of a Greek construction. This is the only spondaic verse in Horace.

468. nec semel, etc.: i.e. this isn’t the first time, and in a confirmed case there is no hope of his recovery; 'he is joined to his idols, let him alone.'

470. nec satis, etc.: i.e. we cannot account for his madness, it is true, but he is certainly raving, and is avoided by everybody just as if he were a wild animal. If, however, he catches anybody, he sticks to him like a leech. So with this jocose view of the poetic craze Horace closes the epistle.
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