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**HISTORIA EST TESTIS TEMPORUM, LUX VERITATIS, VITÆ
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A CONCISE ACCOUNT
OF
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UNTIL THEIR
CAPTURE OF ROME, A. U. C. 364.

THE boundaries of the more ancient or Proper GAUL seem to have been decisively marked out by the great hand of Nature. The NORTHERN ATLANTIC Ocean, the sea now called the BRITISH Channel, the GERMAN Ocean and the RHINE, formed its WESTERN and its NORTHERN boundaries; the RHINE and the ALPS enclosed it on the EAST; and the MEDITERRANEAN sea and PYRENEAN mountains on the SOUTH*.

But its restless inhabitants either disdained, or their increasing population rendered it inconvenient for them,

* Note A.

to be confined within the limits which Nature seemed originally to have prescribed to them.

Ambigatus, king of the CELTIC nations in GAUL (who is said to have been contemporary with *Tarquinius Priscus*, the sixth fabulous king of ROME), being desirous, as we are told, of relieving his country from the inconveniences occasioned by a redundant population*, commanded or permitted his two nephews, *Bellovesus* and *Sigovesus*, to emigrate each with a numerous band of followers. The course of their respective migrations was to be decided by the auguries of heaven †. The HERCYNIAN forest in GERMANY became the lot of *Sigovesus* ‡.

A more delightful destination was assigned by the gods to the favoured *Bellovesus* §. After surmounting the almost insuperable difficulties which the steep and craggy sides of the lofty ¶ and till then untrodden ¶¶ ALPS must have opposed to their progress, the rich and extensive plains of the PO and the pleasant coasts of the ADRIATIC received and rewarded the toils of these GALLIC wanderers and their successors. After a successful battle with the

* *Exonerare pregravante turba regnum cupiens.* Livy, lib. v. c. 34.

† *In quas Dii dedissent auguria Sedes.* Id. ib. † Note B.

‡ *Bellovesus haud paulo lentorem in Italiam viam Dii dabant.* Livy, lib. v. c. 34. Note C.

¶ *Iuxta caelo Jura.* Id. ib. ¶¶ *Nulla dum via superatas.* Id. ib.

INSUBRIAN TUSCANS on the banks of the TICINUS*, *Bellovesus* and his followers hailed as a happy omen the circumstance of the common name of this country (INSUBRIA) with that of a district of the ÆDUAN GAUL †. It decided them in the choice of the newly-found INSUBRIA ‡ as the country of their adoption; and in the construction of one of those little villages § which it was their custom to inhabit, they planted the germ of a great and splendid city—the MEDIOLANUM of the ROMANS—the MILAN of modern times.

Livy enumerates four distinct and successive emigrations of different tribes from GAUL who followed the example, and some of them the steps, of *Bellovesus*. The CENOMANI were the first who, by the invitation and with the assistance of *Bellovesus*, and under the conduct of *Elitovius*, pursued the same track over the ALPS, and possessed themselves of the districts of the modern BRESCHIA and VERONA, which were then the possessions of the LIBUI ||.

A colony of SALLUVIAN GAULS from the coasts of the MEDITERRANEAN sea, between the RHINE and the foot of the maritime ALPS, penetrating most probably that part of the great ALPINE chain which formed their own imme-

* The modern TESSINO.

† Quam in quo considerat agrum INSUBRIAM adpellare audissent cognomine INSCRIBITE pago ÆDUORUM, &c. *Livy*, lib. v. c. 34.

‡ Note D.

§ Note E.

|| Note F.

diate EASTERN boundary, next established themselves in ITALY, near the ancient LIGURIAN people called the LŒVI, who bordered also on the river TICINUS. They modestly declined the distinction of giving their own name to their new possessions. Their GALLIC appellation therefore became merged in that of the people, whom they expelled or subjected to their dominion, and is lost in the future history of the GALLIC nations of ITALY*.

The BOIAN and LINGONIAN GAULS, from the more northern parts of CELTIC GAUL, next explored a way across the PENINE ALPS; and, finding the whole tract of country between the mountains and the Po pre-occupied by GALLIC emigrants, they passed over that river on rafts †, and possessed themselves of those fertile plains which extend from its SOUTHERN banks to the foot of the APPENINE mountains, and which formed a part of the ancient ITALIAN kingdoms of UMBRIA and ETRURIA.

And, lastly, the SENONES, whose native seats in Proper GAUL were in the vicinity of the capital of modern FRANCE after traversing the whole extent of the countries which had been occupied by those who had preceded them, found at length, in TRANSAPPENINE UMBRIA, a resting-place and a home upon the coasts of the ADRIATIC, which

* See Collar. Gerg. lib. ii. c. 9, sect. 1, pag. 108. Note G.

† Pado ratibus trajecto. Livy, lib. v. c. 35.