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The Encyclopædia's a weighty book;  
Smith's row of dictionaries took  
Me long to read at and digest  
(If so) from East back East by West:  
These, with a history or two,—  
Say, Finlay, Grote,— commend to you  
I of my stays most warmly do.

*Nota:* Should mention Robertson,  
His India, for 'twas Robertson  
Set me about the task here done:  
And Bancroft of the Western Coast,  
And others pointed as they almost:  
Starting with Babylon, long time ago,  
And ending where — none seems to know.

*Quo dura vocat fortuna.*





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