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THIS book is prepared for the use of Freshmen in Harvard College by their instructors in Latin. The brief notes on the various selections, intended to help and stimulate the student in his private study, will be supplemented by general lectures and by the usual instruction of the class-room. The chapter on Logaedic Verse and the notes to Ennius and Horace were written by Dr. M. H. MORGAN; the notes to Phaedrus, Martial, and Seneca, by Dr. A. A. HOWARD; to Ovid, by Dr. R. C. MANNING; and to Catullus and Tibullus, by Dr. M. W. MATHER.

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ENNIUS.

ANNALS.

1. *Iliad's Dream.*

- Excita cum tremulis anus attulit artubus lumen,
talia tum memorat lacrumans, exterrita somno:
"Eurydica prognata, pater quam noster amavit,
vires vitæque corpus meum nunc deserit omne.
- 5 Nam me visus homo pulcher per amoena salicta
et ripas raptare locosque novos. Ita sola
postilla, germana soror, errare videbar
tardæque vestigare et quaerere te neque posse
corde capessere: semita nulla pedem stabilibat.
- 10 Exim compellare pater me voce videtur
his verbis: 'o gnata, tibi sunt ante ferendae
aerumnae, post ex fluvio fortuna resistet'.
Haec ecfatus pater, germana, repente recessit
nec sese dedit in conspectum corde cupitus,
- 15 quamquam multa manus ad caeli caerula templa
tendebam lacrumans et blanda voce vocabam.
Vix aegro cum corde meo me somnus reliquit".

2. *Romulus and Remus taking the Auspices.*

Curantes magna cum cura tum cupientes
regni dant operam simul auspicio augurioque.
Hinc Remus auspicio se devovet atque secundam

solus avem servat. At Romulus pulcher in alto
 5 quaerit Aventino, spectat genus altivolantum.
 Certabant, urbem Romam Remoranne vocarent.
 Omnibus cura viris, uter esset induperator.
 Expectant veluti, consul cum mittere signum
 volt, omnes avidi spectant ad carceris oras,
 10 quam mox emittat pictis e faucibus currus :
 sic expectabat populus atque ora tenebat
 rebus, utri magni victoria siq̄ data regni.
 Interea sol albus recessit in infera noctis.
 Egin candida se radiis dedit ieta foras lux ;
 15 et simul ex alto longe pulcherruma praepes
 laeva volavit avis, simul aureus exoritur sol.
 Cedunt de caelo ter quattuor corpora sancta
 avium, praepetibus sese pulchrisque locis dant.
 Conspicit inde sibi data Romulus esse propritim
 20 auspicio regni stabilita scamna solunq̄.

3. *An Ambiguous Oracle.*

Aio te, Aeacida, Romanos vincere posse.

4. *Woodcutting*

Incedunt arbusta per alta, securibus caedunt,
 percellunt magnas quercus, exciditur ilex,
 fraxinus frangitur atque abies consternitur alta,
 pinus proceras pervortunt : omne sonabat
 5 arbustum fremitu silvae frondosae.

5. *Pyrrhus to the Roman Envoys.*

Nec mi aurum posco nec mi pretium dederitis :
 non cauponantes bellum, sed belligerantes
 ferro, non auro, vitam cernamus utrique !
 Vosne velit an me regnare era quidve ferat Fors

5 virtute experiamur. Et hoc simul accipe dictum :
 quorum virtuti belli fortuna pepercit,
 eorundem libertati me parcere certumst.
 Dono, ducite, doque volentibus cum magnis dis.

6. *Janus Reopened.*

postquam Discordia taetra
 Belli ferratos postes portasque refregit.

7. *Fabius Maximus.*

Unus homo nobis cunctando restituit rem.
 Noenum rumores ponebat ante salutem.
 Ergo postque magisque viri nunc gloria claret.

8. *Poor but Trusty.*

Ille vir haud magna cum re, sed plenus fidei.

9. *The Strength of Rome.*

Moribus antiquis res stat Romana virisque.

10. *The Tribune at Bay.*

Undique conveniunt velut imber tela tribuno :
 configunt parmam, tinnit hastilibus umbo,
 aerate sonitu galeae : sed nec pote quisquam
 undique nitendo corpus discernere ferro.
 5 Semper adundantes hastas frangitque quatitque.
 Totum sudor habet corpus multumque laborat,
 nec respirandi fit copia : praepete ferro
 Histri tela manu iacientes sollicitabant.

11. *The Young Warrior.*

Et tum sicut equos, qui de praesaeptibus fartus
 vincla suis magnis animis abruptit et inde