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## INTRODUCTION

IN discussing any part of the work of Petronius, we are hampered at the outset by uncertainty as regards the identity of the author. The author His *Satirae*<sup>1</sup> are not mentioned by any writer prior to the second century A.D.,<sup>2</sup> and even then, although repeatedly cited by grammarians, as Petronius, Petronius Arbitrator, or Arbitrator alone,<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> For the title, see p. 3, n. 2.

<sup>2</sup> The first reference known is that of Terentianus Maurus, *De Metris*, l. 2489, *Arbitrator disertus*, and 2852, *Petronius*. For further references, see Buecheler's editions (Berlin, *Ed. Maior*, 1862, *Ed. Minor*, 1892, 1886, 1895), Collignon, *Pétrone en France* (Paris, 1905), *Introd.*, and Burmann, *Ed.* (Utrecht, 1709, 1743), Part II, pp. 254, 257, 271.

<sup>3</sup> *E.g.* Serv. *ad Verg. Aen.*, III, 57; Fulgent. *Mytholog.*, III, 8, p. 121 (in *Mythographi Latini*, Amsterdam, 1681), and the references in (2) above. In Scaliger's Ms. (see p. 246) he is called C. Petronius Arbitrator Afranius.