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INTRODUCTION.

It is a recognized fact that many of the statements touching Latin syntax, generally accepted as true, rest upon slight foundation. One after another, trusted "rules" have been weighed in the balance of exhaustive research, and found wanting, till the careful scholar finds himself regarding with great reserve even the most plausible statements of traditional grammar, unless those statements have been amply verified by thorough investigation. Unfortunately the number of instances in which such investigations have been made is comparatively few. This paper is presented in the hope that it may add one more to the list.

Primarily the object has been to present a complete, classified, list of all the examples in point that occur in extant Latinity down to the end of the Augustan period. No effort has been spared toward the attainment of this object. Sometimes, where no reliable index was available, a standard text has been carefully read the second time, lest any examples should escape notice. This has been done in the case of Plautus, and Terence, and Cicero's *Letters*. The accuracy of the text has been tested in the case of each example and the reading discussed when necessary. In spite of all precautions, however, it is possible that some few examples have been omitted. Moreover, scattered fragments, not found in standard collections such as the *Poetae Latini Minores* of Baehrens, and the *Scaenicae Romanorum Poesis Fragmenta* of Ribbeck, have not been hunted out. All material belonging to the post-Augustan period has been gleaned from lexicons and indexes. Some of these were good and some were not. No effort has been made toward completeness of the material belonging to this period of the language, but examples, so far as given, have been verified and are accurate. They are valuable as throwing light upon the later development of the construction which forms the subject of this paper, and they probably cover over seventy-

five per cent. of the instances occurring in the entire period from which they are drawn.

Two other objects have been kept in mind ; and the three, treated separately, give rise to the division of the paper into three parts. Part One contains a collection of the statements regarding the subject made by scholars both ancient and modern, with an occasional criticism of statements of fact. Part Two contains the material gathered in the present investigation, as described above. Part Three includes criticisms of theories quoted in Part One, together with such independent suggestions and conclusions as may seem warranted by Part Two.