

## Liber Tertius

Ovid now prepares to arm women for the War of Love. He points out that the sinister reputation of that sex is due merely to a few famed sinners. Men, not women, are the usual deceivers. The latter have lacked only instruction, and Venus has ordered Ovid to remedy this deficiency.

Arma dedi Danais in Amazonas; arma supersunt

quae tibi dem et turmae, Penthesilea, tuae.

Ite in bella pares; vincant, quibus alma Dione

faverit et, toto qui volat orbe, puer.

Non erat armatis aequum concurrere nudas;

sic etiam vobis vincere turpe, viri.

Dixerit e multis aliquis 'Quid virus in angues  
adicis et rabidae tradis ovile lupae?'

- 1      **Danai**, -orum, m., the *Danai*, the Greeks. *Amazones*, -um (acc., -as), f., the *Amazons* (a warlike race of women who fought against the Greeks; here they typify the female sex, as the Greeks do the male). *superbus*, -esse, -fni, be left, remain, abound.
- 2      *quae*, . . . dem (relative clause of purpose): 'for me to give.' *turma*, -ae, f., a *queen* of the Amazons, killed by Achilles while she was fighting for the Trojans against the Greeks. Here vocative.

- 3      *bellum*, -i, n., war, battle. *par*, *paris*, equal, on equal terms. The antecedent of *quibus* is the subject of *vincant*. *alonus*, -a, -um, nourishing, kind, propitious. *Dione*, -es, f., *Dione*; *Venus* (as daughter of Dione).
- 4      *faveo*, -ere, *favi*, fatus (with dat.), be favorable to, favor, totus, -a, -um, all, whole, entire. *volo*, -are, -avi, -atus, fly. *orbis*, -is, m., circle, world, earth. *puer*: second subject of *faverit* and antecedent of *qui*. Obviously Cupid.

- 5      *armatus*, -i, m., armed man. *aequus*, -a, -um, equal, fair, just. *concurro*, -ere, -curri, -cursus (with dat.), run together, engage in combat with, fight. *nudus*, -a, -um, naked, unclothed, unarmed, unprotected. Note gender here and supply noun.
- 6      *dixerit*: 'may say.' *virus*, -i, n., poison, venom. *anguis*, -is, m., f., serpent, snake.

- 7      *paucus*, -a, -um, few. *frans*, *fraudis*, f., deceit.
- 8      *Phasis*, -idis (acc., -ida), f., the Phasian, the Colchian girl; i.e., Medea (princess of Colchis who assisted Jason in stealing the Golden Fleece from her father; having run off with Jason, she was later repudiated by him for another wife). *Mate*, -tris, f., mother. *falar*, -acis, deceitful.
- 9      *mis*, dimissus, send away, let go, dismiss, abandon, forsake. *Iaso*, -onis, m., Jason (son of Aeson, the king of Thessaly). *Aesonius*, -a, -um, Aesonian; of Jason, Jason's. *nupta*, -ae, f., bride, wife. *sinus*: plur. for sing.; or translate arms, deliver, surrender. *ovile*, -is, n., sheepfold. *Lupa*, -ae, f., she-wolf.

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et totidem lustris bella gerente viro.

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Saepe viri fallunt, tenerae non saepe puellae;

paucaque, si quaeras, crimina 'fraudis' habent.

Phasida, iam matrem, fallax dimisit Iaso;

venit in Aesonios altera nupta sinus.

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parco, -ere, pepercii, parsus, spare, forbear, refrain from (with Lat. *lui*, translated as Eng. *ger*). *paucus*, -a, -um, diffundo, -ere, -fudi, -fusus, pour out, extend, spread.

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meritus, -i, n., merit.

- 35 Quantum in te, Theseu, volvres Ariadna marinas  
pavit, in ignoto sola relicta loco.  
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- 40 Et famam pietatis habet, tamen hospes et enem  
praebut et causam mortis, Elissa, tuae.  
Quid vos perdidierit, dicam: nesciatis amare;  
defuit ars vobis; arte perennat amor.
- 45 Tum mihi 'Quid miserae' dixit 'meruere puellae?  
Traditur armatis vulgus inerme viris.  
Illos artifices gemini fecere libelli:  
Haec quoque pars monitis erudienda tuis. . . .
- 35 quantus, -a, -um, how much, as much as. quantum in te: 'so far as you were concerned.' Theseus, -ei & -eos (voc. -eu): son of Aegeus, king of Athens; he killed the Minotaur with the help of Ariadne, eloped with her, and immediately abandoned her on an island. Cf. I, 527-564. volucris, -is, f., bird. Ariadna, -ae, f., Ariadne, daughter of Minos, the king of Crete. marinus, -a, -um, of the sea, sea-.
- 36 passo, -ere, pavi, pastus, seed. ignotus, -a, -um, unknown, strange.
- 39 rama, -ae, f., report, rumor, reputation. pietas, -atis, f., sense of duty, dutiful conduct, loyalty, faithfulness. hospes, -itis, m., f., host, guest, visitor, stranger. The reference is to Aeneas, hospitably entertained and loved by Dido, queen of Carthage, he deserted her to follow the call of empire. She killed herself with a sword he had given her. ensis, -is, m., sword.
- 40 praebeo, -ere, -ui, -itus, offer, give, furnish, supply. mors, -tis, f., death. Elissa, -ae, f., Elissa, Dido.
- 41 vos refers to all these unlucky-in-love women (Vid has mentioned). perdo, -ere, -didi, -ditus, destroy, ruin. nescio, -ire, -ii (-ivi), -itus, not know (how), be ignorant.
- 42 desum, -esse, -fui, be absent, be lacking. perenneo, -are, -avi, -atus, last for many years, endure.
- 43 nescirent: 41. Cytherea, -ae, f., Cytherea, Venus (because she rose from the sea near the island of Cythera).
- 44 consisto, -ere, -steti, stand, halt.
- 45 mereo, -ere, -ui, -itus, deserve, merit.
- 46 tradgo, -ere, -didi, -ditus, hand over, deliver, surrender, armans, -a, -um, armed. vulgus, -i, n., mass, crowd, multitude, throng. inermis, -e, unarmed, without weapons, defenceless.
- 47 artifex, -ficiis, m., artist, expert, (adj.) skillful, clever. geminis, -a, -um, twin, two. libellus, -i, m., little book. -The 'twin books' are the first two books of the *Ars Amatoria*.
- 48 pars refers to womankind. monitum, -i, n., advice, counsel, instruction. erudio, -ire, -ivi (-ii), -itus, teach, imp-

Never forget that old age is approaching. 'Gather ye rosebuds while ye may' (Ovid happens to mention violets).

Dum facit ingenium, petite hinc praecepta! 57

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Venturae memores iam nunc estote senectae:  
sic nullum vobis tempus abibit iners.

Dum licet et vernos etiamnam degitis annos,

Iudite: eunt anni more fluentis aquae;

nec quae praeterit, iterum revocabitur unda,

nec quae praeterit, hora redire potest.

Utendum est aetate: cito pede labitur aetas

nec bona tam sequitur, quam bona prima fuit.

Hos ego, qui canent, frutices violaria vidi;

hac mihi de spina grata corona data est.

struct, educate.

57 ingenium, -ii, n., nature, ability, genius. dum facit ingen-

ium: while (Venus) inspires me; hinc, from this place,

hence, from this source. praeception, -i, n., rule, precept, di-  
rection, instruction.

59 venturae: fut. part. of venio, modifying senectae. memor,  
-oris, mindful of. iam nunc, already now, even now, at this  
every time. estote: fut. imperat. plur. of sum, (senecta), -ae, f.,  
old age.

60 abeo, -ire, -ivi (-ii), -itus, go away, depart, vanish, slip  
away. iners, -ertis, unskilled, inactive, idle, wasted.

61 *vernis*, -a, -um, offspring, spring; of youth's springtime,  
youthful. etiamnam, still, even now. dego, -ere, desi,

pass, spend.

62 ludo, -ere, -si, -sus, play, have fun, have a good time.  
more (abl. of mos; with gen.), in the manner of, like. fluo,

-ere, fluxi, fluxus, flow.

63 praetereo, -ire, -ii (-ivi), -itus, go by, pass by. iterum  
(adv.), again, a second time. revoco, -are, -awi, -atus,  
call back, recall.

64 praeterit: 63. hora, -ae, f., hour, time, season. redeo,  
-ire, -ii, -itus, come back, return.

65 utor, uti, uses (with abl.), use, make use of. utendum est:  
supply vobis: you must make use of. aetas, -atis, f., time  
of life, life, age, youth. citius, -a, -um, quick, swift,  
rapid. labor, labi, lapsus, glide along, slip away.

66 bonus, -a, -um, good, pleasant. With bona supply aetas. se-.

quor, sequi, secundus, follow, succeed, come next.

67 hos modifies frutices, which is antecedent of qui. cameo,  
-ere, -ui, be gray, be white, grow old, wither. frutice,  
-icis, m., shrub, bush, plant. violarium, -ii, n., bed of violets.

68 spina, -ae, f., thorn, thorny bush, gratus, -a, -um, pleas-

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Forma dei manus. Forma quota quaeque superbit?

Pars vestrum tali munere magna caret.

Quam cito (me miserum!) laxantur corpora rugis,  
et perit, in nitido qui fuit ore, color;

75 quasque funisse tibi canas a virginē iuras,  
spargentur subito per caput omne comae.

Angubus exiunt tenui cum pelle vetustas,  
nec faciunt cervos cornua iacta senes.

Nostra sine auxilio fugiunt bona: carpite florem,

qui, nisi carpus erit, turpiter ipse cadet.

Cultivation of one's appearance is of primary importance. Natural beauty is a gift of God, and not many girls possess it. But such a lack may be offset by careful grooming. In this sophisticated era there is no place for primitive simplicity.

101 Ordior a cultu: cultis bene Liber ab uvis  
—provenit, et culto stat seges alta solo.

—Ovid is simply illustrating how quickly the beautiful is succeeded by the ugly.

73 cito, quickly, soon. me: acc. of exclamation. laco, -are, -avi, -atus, slacken, relax, make flabby. ruga, -ae, f., wrinkle.

74 nitiens, -a, -um, shining, bright, lovely, handsome, beautiful.

75 Antecedent of quas is *comae* (76). canus, -a, -um, white, gray. a virgine: 'from girlhood'. iuro, -are, -avi, -atus, swear.

76 spargo, -ere, sparsi, sparsus, scatter, sprinkle. subito, amnis, -is, m., f., serpent, snake. exuo, -ere, -ui, -utus, strip off, put off, lay aside. bellis, -is, f., skin. vestas, -atis, f., old age, age.

78 cervus, -i, m., stag, deer. cornu, -us, n., horn, antler. facio, -ere, leci, factus, throw, cast, shed. senex, senis, (adj.), old, aged.

79 auxilium, -ii, n., help, aid. bonum, -i, n., good thing, blessing, charm. carpo, -ere, -psi, -ptus, pick, pluck, enjoy. flos, floris, m., flower, blossom.

80 carpus erit: 79. turpiter, in an ugly manner, shamefully, basely. capo, -ere, cecidi, casus, fall, perish, wither.

101 orior, -iri, orsus, begin. a: English would say 'with (the subject of) culture, -us, m., care or cultivation (of the land or of one's person) grooming, style of dress, attire, adornment. liber, erim, Liber, Bacchus, wine. uva, -ae, f., grape. 102 provenio, -ire, -veni, -ventus, come forth, originate, arise, be produced, sto, -are, steti, status, stand. seges, -etis, f., grainfield, crop, grain. altus, -a, -um, high, deep. solum, f., ground, soil.

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Idaliae similis sit licet illa deae.

Corpora si veteres non sic coluere puellae,

nec veteres cultos sic habuere viros.

Si fuit Andromache tunicas induta valentes,

quid mirum? Duri militis uxor erat.

Scilicet Aiaci coniux ornata venires,

cui tegumen septem terga fuere boum!

Simplicitas rudis ante fuit, nunc aurea Roma est

- et domiti magnas possidet orbis opes,  
115 Adspice quae nunc sunt Capitolia, quaeque fuerunt:  
alterius dices illa fuisse Iovis.  
— Curia consilio nunc est dignissima tanto:  
de stipula, Tatio regna teneunte, fuit.  
Quae nunc sub Phoebo ducibusque Palatia fulgent,
- 120 quid nisi araturis pascua bubus erant?  
Prisca iuvent alios, ego me nunc denique natum  
gratulor: haec aetas moribus apta meis,  
non quia nunc terrae lento subducitur aurum,  
lectaque diverse litore concha venit,
- 114 domo, -are, -ui, -itus, tame, subdue, conquer, possideo,  
-ere, "sedi, -sessus, possess, be master of, orbis, -is, m.,  
circle, world.
- 115 aspicio, -ere, -spexi, -spectus, look at, see, consider,  
Capitolium, -ii, n., (sing. and plur.), the Capitol, the tem-  
ple of Jupiter, at Rome).
- 116 illa = 'that earlier Capitol.' Fuisse (with gen.) = 'be-  
longed to,' Jupiter, Iovis, m., Jupiter, Jove, chief of  
the Roman gods.
- 117 curia, -ae, f., the senate house, consilium, -ii, n., coun-  
sel, plan, advice, council, deliberative body, dignus, -a,  
-um (with abl.), worthy of, tantus, -a, -um, so great.
- 118 patius, -ii, m.; one of the earliest kings of Rome, having  
reigned jointly with Romulus. Regnum, -i, n., kingship, royal  
power, rule. Here plural for singular.
- 119 Rearrange these two lines as follows: quid erant Palatia,  
quae nunc sub Phoebo ducibusque fulgent, nisi pascua araturis  
hubus? Reference is to the fact that a temple of Apollo and the  
residences of the chief men of Rome, including Augustus, were on  
the Palatine hill. Phoebus, -i, m., Phoebus, Apollo, dux, ducis,  
m., f., leader, chief (mon.), palatum, -ii, n., (sing. and plur.),  
the Palatine hill (first of the seven to be settled). fulgeo,  
-ere, fulsi, flash, gleam, glisten, shine.
- 120 aro, -are, -avi, -atus, plow, pasture.  
bos, bovis (dat. plur. bubus), m., f., ox, bull, cow.
- 121 prisca, -orum, n., ancient things, olden times. alius, -a,  
-id, another, other. denique, finally, at last. nascor,  
nasci, natus, be born. nunc denique natum: that I was not born  
until now.
- 122 gratulor, -ari, -atus, congratulate. aetas, -atis, f., life,  
age, period of time, time.
- 123 terra, -ae, f., earth, ground. Terrae is a dative of separa-  
tion. Lentus, -a, -um, pliant, flexible, tough, tenacious,  
obstinate. subacto, -ere, -dux, -ductus, draw from under, take  
away from, remove from. aurum, -i, n., gold.
- 124 lectus, -a, -um, gathered, collected; choice. diversus, -a,

et domiti magnas possidet orbis opes,  
nec quia decrescent effosso marmore montes,

nec quia caeruleae mole fugantur aquae,  
sed quia cultus adest, nec nostros mansit in annos

rusticitas priscis illa superstes avis.

— But avoid the excessive use of jewelry and ornamentation. Such  
display may drive away the very men whose attentions are sought.  
Careful grooming is much more important. The hair should be taste-  
fully arranged; there is a variety of styles. German hair dyes and  
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quos legit in viridi decolor Indus aqua,  
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- 135 Nec genus ornatus unum est: quod quamque decebit  
eligat, et speculum consulat ante suum.  
Longa probat facies capitis discrimina puri:  
sic erat ornatis Laodamia comis.
- 140 Exiguum summa nodum sibi fronte relinquiri,  
ut patteant aures, ora rotunda volunt.  
Alterius crines umero iacentur utroque:  
talis es adsumpta, Phoebe canore, lyra.
- 145 Altera succinctae relictæ more Dianaæ,  
ut solet, attonitas cum petit illa feras.  
Huc decet inflatos laxe iacuisse capillos,
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- 135 genus, -eris, n., race, kind, sort, ornatus, -us, m.; pre-  
gation, arrangement, adornment, quod quamque decebit eli-  
gat; let each girl choose that which will be becoming to her.
- 136 eiigo, -ere, elegi, electus, choose, speculum, -i, n., look-  
ing glass, mirror, consulo, -ere, -lui, -itus, consult, take  
counsel, reflect, deliberate.
- 137 The line means that smoothly-combed hair parted in the  
middle goes well with an oval (long) face. probo, -are,  
-avi, -atus, test, approve, recommend, (harmonize with), caput,  
-itis, n., head, discernmen, -inis, n., division, parting or part  
of the hair. purus, -a, -um, pure, unadorned.
- 138 ornatus, -a, -um, adorned, arranged, Laodamia, -ae, f.: an  
ancient heroine who followed her husband Protesilaus in  
death. Cf. II, 356. comis: ablative of description.
- 139 exiguis, -a, -um, small, little, tiny, nodus, -i, m., knot.  
sibi: 'for themselves', but may be omitted in translation.
- 140 pateo, -ere, -ui, lie open, be exposed. auris, -is, f., ear.  
rotundus, -a, -um, round.
- 141 crinis, -is, m., hair, lock, tress, umerus, -i, m., shoul-  
der, lacio, -are, -avi, -atus, throw, toss, uterque, ultra-  
que, utrumque, each, either, both.
- 142 talis, -e, such, of such appearance, adsumo, -ere, -apsi,  
-aptus, take up. Phœbus, -i, m., phœbus, Apollo. He was  
the God of music, among other things, and was often depicted with  
flowing locks - the prototype of the familiar long-haired musi-  
cian. canorus, -a, -um, melodious, tuneful. lyra, -ae, f., lyre.
- 143 succinctus, -a, -um, girt-up, with skirt tucked up. religo,  
-are, -avi, -atus, bind back or up, fasten up. moe (abl. of  
mos; with gen.), in the manner of, like. Diana, -ae, f.: goddess  
of the moon, the hunt, etc.
- 144 attonitus, -a, -um, stunned, terrified, frightened. fera,  
-ae, f., wild animal, wild beast.
- 145 inflatus, -a, -um, inflated, wind-blown, hanging loose,  
floating, laxe, loosely.

illa sit adstrictis impedienda comis;  
hanc placet ornari testudine Cyllenea,  
sustineat similes fluctibus illa sinus.  
Sed neque ramosa numerabis in ilice glandes,  
nec quot apes Hyblæ, nec quot in Alpe ferae,  
nec mihi tot positus numero comprehendere fas est:  
adicit ornatus proxima quaæque dies.  
Et neglecta decet multas coma; saepe iacere  
hesternam credas; illa repæxa modo est.  
Ars casu similis: sic capta vidit ut urbe  
Alcides Iole, 'Hanc ego' dixit 'amo!'

146 adstringo, -ere, -inxi, -ictus, draw together, bind tight,  
impedio, -ire, -ivi, -itus, hinder, encircle.

147 orno, -are, -avi, -atus, equip, ornament, adorn, embellish.  
testudo, -inis, f., tortoise, tortoise shell, lyre. Here re-  
ferring to some form of hairstyle resembling a lyre, which instru-  
ment was first made out of a tortoise shell by Mercury (born on  
Mt. Cyllene). Cylleneus, -a, -um, Cyllenian, Mercury's.

148 sustineo, -ere, -tinui, -tentus, hold up, support, bear. si-  
milis, -e (with gen. or dat.), like, resembling, similar to.  
fluctus, -us, m., wave, bilow.

149 ramosus, -a, -um, branching, branching, numero, -are, -avi,  
-atus, count. illex, illicis, i., holm oak (an evergreen oak).  
elans, glandis, f., acorn.

150 Supply sint in each clause of this line. apis, -is, f., bee.  
Hybla, -ae, f., a mountain in Sicily noted for its bees.  
Alpis, -is, f., the Alps, terra, -ae, f., wild animal, wild beast.

151 tot (indecl. adj.), so many, positus, -us, m., position,  
arrangement, numero comprehendere: 'to comprehend in number,'  
'to enumerate,' fas (indecl.), n., right, possible.

152 adicio, -ere, -eci, -iectus, add, contribute. ornatus, -us,  
m., preparation, arrangement, style. proximus, -a, -um,  
nearest, next, successive.

153 neglectus, -a, -um, neglected, (tousled).

154 hesternus, -a, -um, yesterday's, from or since yesterday,  
Here modifies comam understood. respecto, -ere, -e, -us, comb  
(again).

155 causus, -us (dat. sometimes -u), m., chance, accident, simi-  
lis, -e (with gen. or dat.), like, similar to. urbs, urbis,  
f., city.

156 Alcides, -ae, m., descendant of Alceus; Hercules (his grand-  
son). Iole, -es (acc. -en), f., princess of Oechalia, whom  
Hercules carried off after taking the city and killing her father.  
In the confusion it was natural that Iole's hair should become  
tousled. Ovid feels that such accidental but charming disarray  
might well be imitated by art.

Talem te Bacchus, satyris clamantibus 'euhoe!',  
sustulit in currus, Gnosti reicta, suos.

O quantum indulget vestro natura decori,  
quarum sunt multis dama piana modis!

Nos male detegimur, raptique aetate capilli,

ut Borea frondes excutiente, cadunt.

Femina canitiem Germanis inficit herbis,

et melior vero quaeritur arte color;

165 femina procedit densusima crinibus emptis  
proque suis alios efficit aere suos.

157 talis, -e, such, of such appearance. Bacchus, -i, m.: god of wine. Finding Ariadne deserted by Theseus on an island, he married her. See 1, 52-564. talen te Bacchus . . . sustulit: that's the way you looked when Bacchus lifted you. satyrus, -i, m., satyr (a goat-footed forest deity, associated with Bacchus). euhoē: a shout of Joy at the festivals of Bacchus.

158 tollo, -ere, sustulli, sublatius, lift, lift up, raise, curvus, -is, m., chariot. Gnosti, -idis (voc. -si), f., Chossian girl, Creton girl; i.e., Ariadne (daughter of Minos, king of Crete).

159 o, oh! quantum indulget . . . natura = 'how kind nature is to'. quantum, how much, to how great an extent, as much as. indulgeo, -ere, indulsi, indultus, be kind, be indulgent, grant, allow. vester, -tra, -trum, your (plur.). natura, -ae, f., nature, decor. -oris, m., beauty, charms.

160 quartu: 'you whose.' The antecedent is in *vestro*. . . damnum, -i, n., harm, loss, misfortune, defect. pio, -are, -avi, -atus, appease, make good, cover up.

161 nos: 'we men.' detego, -ere, -texi, -tectus, uncover, lay bare, unroof. A vivid way of saying 'grow bald'. aetas, -atis, f., life, age, time.

162 ut: with the abl. abs., 'as when'; or with frondes, 'as.'

Boreas, -ae, m., Boreas; the north wind, frons, frondis, f., leaf branch, foliage, leaf, excuto, -ere, -cussi, -cussus, shake off, caddo, -ere, cecidi, casus, fall. 163 canities, -el, f., grayness, gray hair. germanus, -a, -um, German, infantio, -ere, -feci, -fectus, dye, herba, -ae, f., herb, plant, grass.

164 melior, melius, better. verus, -a, -um, true, real, genuine. With vero understand colore.

165 procedo, -ere, -cessi, -cessus, go forth, proceed, walk along, appear, densus, -a, -um, thick, dense, thickly cov.

ered with, crinis, -is, m., hair, lock, tress. emo, -ere, emi, emptus, buy.

166 pro (with abl.), before, for, in place of, instead of. With suis and alios understand crinibus and crines. alius, -a, -id, another, other. alios . . . suos: 'another person's hair her own,' efficio, -ere, -feci, -fectus, bring about, cause, make, render. aess, aeris, n., copper, bronze, money.

Nec rubor est emisse; palam venire videmus

Herculis ante oculos virgineumque chorum.

Clothes may be colorful and attractive without being expensive. Among the hues suggested are sky-blue, gold, aquamarine, saffron, myrtle green, amethyst, white rose, crane-gray, chestnut-brown, almond wax-yellow. Bark clothes are best suited to blondes; white is becoming to brunettes.

Quid de veste loquar? Nec nunc segmenta requiro,

nec quae de Tyrio murice, lana, rubes.

Cum tot prodierint pretio leviores colores,

quis furor est census corpore ferre suos!

Aeris ecce color, tum cum sine rubibus aer,

nec tepidis pluvias concitat Auster aquas.

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Quot nova terra parit flores, cum vere tepentis

vitis agit gemmas pigraque fugit hiems,

167 rubor, -oris, m.: blush, shame, disgrace, cause of embarrass-

-a, -um, of the maiden(s), maidenly, chorus, -i, m., chorus, band, troop. Hercules and the Muses (virgines) had a temple in the vicinity of the wig-makers' shops.

168 Hercules, -is, m.: the strong man of mythology. virgineus, -a, -um, of the maiden(s), maidenly, chorus, -i, m., chorus, band, troop. Hercules and the Muses (virgines) had a temple in the vicinity of the wig-makers' shops.

169 vestis, -is, f., clothes, clothing, attire, segmentum, -i, n., strip, strip of brocade, flounce, purple (!) require,

-ere, requisivi (-ii), requisitus, ask (for), demand, need, want, require.

170 nec (te requireo), lana (voc.), quae . . . de: 'from' = with. Tyrus, -a, -um, Tyrian. Tyre was celebrated for its purple dye. nucex, -icis, m., purple (dye). lana, -ae, f., wool. rubeo, -ere, be red, turn red, blush.

171 tot (indecl. adj.), so many, prodeo, -ire, -ii, -itus, come forth, appear, pretium, -ii, n., value, price.

172 furor, -oris, m., madness, folly, census, -us, m., census, wealth, riches, property, fortune. suos: 'one's.

173 aer, aeris, m., air, sky. ecce, lo! see! behold! nubes,

-is, f., cloud.

174 tepidus, -a, -um, (luke)warm, tepid, pluvius, -a, -um, rainy, rain. concito, -are, -avi, -atus, stir up, arouse.

anster, -tri, m., the south wind.

185 terra, -ae, f., earth, land, ground, soil, paro, -ere, pe-

ri, paritus & partus, bring forth, produce, flos, -oris, m., flower, blossom.

ver, veris, n., spring, springtime, tenuis, -atis, (luke)warm, tepid.

186 vitis, -is, f., vine, gemma, -ae, f., bud, gen. piger,

-gra, -grum, slow, dull, lazy, sluggish, hiems, hiemis, f., winter, renjer, aess, aeris, n., copper, bronze, money.

lana tot aut plures sucos bibt. Elige certos,

nam non conveniens omnibus omnis erit.

Pulla decent niveas: Briseida pulla decebat;

cum raptta est, pulla tum quoque veste fuit.

190 Alba decent fuscas: albis, Cephei, placelas;

sic tibi vestitae pressa Seriphos erat.

Civilized girls should need no instructions as to care of the person. Make-up is important; Ovid has already written a little book on the subject. But the paint and powder should not be applied publicly. Your boy friends should see only the finished product. There are a lot of things it is better for a man not to know.

Quam paene admonui, ne trux caper iret in alas,

neve forent duris aspera crura pilis!

195 Sed non Caucasea doceo de rupe puellas,

187 lana, -ae, f., wool, tot (indecl. adj.) so many, sucus,

.i., m., juice, dye, eligo, -ere, elegi, electus, choose, select.

188 certus, -a, -um, certain, particular, specified, definite.

conveniens, -entis, harmonious, appropriate, suitable, becoming. With omnis supply feminis, with omnis supply sucus or color.

189 pulum, -i, n., dark or dark gray garment. niveus, -a, -um, snowy, snow-white, fair-complexioned, blonde. Here supply

puellas. Briseis, -idos (acc. -ida), f.: a captive girl in the Trojan War, over whom Achilles and Agamemnon quarreled.

190 pullus, -a, -um, dark gray, dark, vestis, -is, f., clothes, clothing, garment.

191 album, -i, n., whiteness, white garment. fusca, -a, -um, dark, tawny, brunette. Cepheis, -idis (voc. -i), f., daughter of Cepheus; i.e., Andromeda (princess of Ethiopia and decidedly brunette).

192 tibi, dat. of agent, vestio, -ire, -ivi (-ii), -itus, dress,

clothe. premo, -ere, pressi, pressus, press, oppress, walk upon, tread. Seriphos, -i, f.: a small, rocky island in the Aegean Sea; here, where his mother was living, Perseus first brought his bride Andromeda after having rescued her from the sea monster.

193 paene, nearly, almost. admoneo, -ere, -ui, -itus, advise,

warn. trux, trucis, rough, rude, unpleasant. caper, capri, m., goat, used by the Romans to symbolize the same thing as B. O. (body odor) in twentieth-century advertising. ala, -ae, f., wing, arm pit.

194 -ve, or, and, forent: essent. asper, -era, -erum, rough, prickly, bristling. crus, -uris, n., leg. pilus, -i, m., hair.

195 Caucasus, -a, -um, Caucasian, of Caucasus (a wild mountain range in southern Russia). rupes, -is, f., rock, cliff.

quaeque bibant undas, Myse Caice, tuas.

Quid si praecipiam ne fuscat inertia dentes,

oraque suscepta mane laveretur aqua?

Scitis et inducta candorem quaerere creta;

sanguine quae vero non rubet, arte rubet.

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Est mihi, quo dixi vestrae medicamina formae,

parvus, sed cura grande, libellus, opus:

hinc quoque praesidium laesae petitiote figurae;

non est pro vestris ars mea rebus iners.

Non tamen expositas mensa deprendat anator

\* pyxidas: ars faciem dissimulata invat.

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196 quaeque: 'and those who.' Mysus, -a, -um, Mysian. Caicus, -i, m.: a river in Mysia, a country in northwest Asia Minor.

197 Quid: 'What?' 'What would you say?' praecipio, -ere, -cepi, -ceptus, advise, warn, instruct, bid, fusco, -are, -avi, -atus, make dark, darken, blacken, stain, inertia, -ae, f., idle, laziness, dens, dentis, m., tooth.

198 suscipio, -ere, -cepi, -ceptus, take up, suscepta modifies aqua, mane, in the morning. lavo, -are, lavi, laetus (lotus, lavatus), wash.

199 scio, -ire, -ivi, -itus, know (how). induco, -ere, -duxi, -ductus, bring in, put on, spread over, overlay, apply. candor, -oris, m., whiteness, fair complexion, beauty. creta, -ae, f., chalk, powder.

200 sanguis, -inis, m., blood. quae: 'she who.' verus, -a, -um, true, real, actual. rubeo, -ere, be red (pink), blush.

205 This couplet is easier to understand thus: Est mihi (dat. of poss.) libellus pavus, sed (est) omnis grande cura (abil. of specif.) quo . . . vester, -tra, -trum, your (plur.). medicamen, -inis, n., drug, paint, cosmetic.

206 parvus, -a, -um, small, little. grandis, -e, large, great. libellus, -i, m., little book, treatise. -A portion of Ovid's little book, Medicina Faciei Remineae, still survives. 207 hinc, from this (place), hence, from this source. presidium, -ii, n., protection, help, aid. petitiote: fut. imperative plur. figura, -ae, f., form, figure, appearance, beauty.

208 pro (with abl.), before, for, in behalf of. vestris: 205.

res, rei, f., thing, affair, interest. iners, -eris, inactive, idle, sluggish, inert.

209 expoно, -ere, -posui, -positus, set out, expose. mensa, -ae, f., table. deprendo, -ere, -di, -sus, catch, detect, discover. amator, -oris, m., lover, sweetheart, boy friend.

210 pyxis, -idis, (cosmetic) box. dissimulo, -are, -avi, -atus, disguise, hide, conceal.

215 Nec coram mixtas cervae sumpsisse medullas

nec coram dentes defricuisse probem.

ista dabunt formam, sed erunt deformia visu,

multaque, dum fiunt, turpia, facta placent.

Quae nunc nomine habent operosi signa Myrōnis,

podus inērs quondam duraque massa fuit;

anilis ut frat, primo conlidetur aurum;

q̄ias genit⁹ vestes, sordida lana fuit;

cum fieret, lapis asper erat: nunc nobile signum,

nuda Venus madidas exprimit imbre comas.

225 Tu quoque dum coleris, nos te dormire putemus:

215 coram, in the presence of (a person), openly, publicly. mis-

ceo, -ere, miscui, mixtus, mix, blend. cerva, -ae, f., hind,

deer. sumo, -ere, sumpsi, sumptus, take, use, apply. The infinite here (as in 216) is the object of problem, and might be translated as a gerund: 'your applying' (i.e., as a beauty aid). me-

dulla, -ae, f., marrow.

216 coram: 215. dens, dentis, m., tooth. defrico, -are, -cui,

-c(a)tus, rub, scour, brush. probo, -are, -avi, -atus,

approve (of), recommend.

217 iste, ista, istud, that; that of yours, such. deformis, -e,

ugly, disgusting. visu: supine of video; to see.

219 signa is the antecedent of quae and the subject of fuit; fuit, which has been attracted into the singular by its predicative noun pondus, must be translated as a plural, were. operosus, -a, -um, painstaking, busy, industrious. signum, -i, n.,

sign, statue. Myron, -onis, n.: a celebrated Greek sculptor; he

produced the bronze Discus Thrower, copies of which abound.

220 pondus, -eris, n., weight, mass. iners, -ertis, idle, sluggish, inert. Quondam, at one time, once, formerly, massa,

-ae, f., lump, mass.

221 analus, -i, m., ring. primo (adv.), at first, first. con-

lido, -ere, -lisi, -itus, strike together, beat. aurum, -i,

n., gold.

222 gero, -ere, gessi, gestus, bear, wear. vestis, -is, f., clothes, garment. sordidus, -a, -um, dirty, filthy. lana,

-ae, f., wool. fuit actually should be plural, with vestes used as subject.

223 lapis, -idis, m., stone. asper, -era, -erum, rough. nobilis, -e, famous, renowned, noble, excellent. signum: 219.

224 nudus, -a, -um, naked, nude. Venus: reference is to a famous statue by Praxiteles of Venus rising from the sea. madidus, -a, -um, wet, drenched, dripping, soaked. exprimo, -ere, -pressi, -pressus, squeeze out, wring. imber, -bris, m., rain, water. Translate after madidas.

225 coloris: 'you are putting on your make-up.' dormio, -re, -are, -ui, -itus, forbid.

aptius a summa conspicere manu.

Cur mihi nota tuo causa est candoris in ore?

Claude foren thalami! Quid rude prodis opus?

Multa viros nescire decet; pars maxima rerum

offendat, si non interiora tegas.

Aurea quae splendent ornato signa theatro,

inspice, quam tenuis brattea ligna tegat;

sed neque ad illa licet populo, nisi facta, venire,

nec nisi summis forma paranda viris.

—At non pectendos coram praebere capillos,

ut iaceant fusi per tua terga, voto.

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-ivi (-ii), -itus, sleep.

226 apte, fitly, suitably, properly, rightly. a summa . . . ma-

nū: after the final touch. conspicio, -ere, -spexi, -spec-

tus, look at, observe, see. conspicere is 2nd person singular

future passive.

227 cur, why. notus, -a, -um, known. candor, -oris, m., white-

ness, fair complexion, beauty.

228 clando, -ere, -si, -sus, shut, close. foris, -is, f., door,

thalamus, -i, m., chamber, bedroom. rudiſ, -e, rough, un-

finished. prodo, -ere, -didi, -ditus, bring forth, reveal, ex-

pose.

229 nescio, -ire, -ivi (-ii), -itus, not to know, be ignorant of.

maximus, -a, -um, greatest. res, rei, f., thing.

230 offendō, -ere, -di, -sus, be offensive, offend, shock. in-

terior, -i, inner, more secret, more intimate. tego, -ere,

-xi, -ctus, cover, hide, conceal.

231 aureus, -a, -um, of Gold, golden, gilded. Splendeo, -ere,

shine, glēa, glister. ornatus, -a, -um, decorated, hand-

some, ornate. signum, -i, n., sign, statue. Signa is the anteced-

ent of quae. theatrum, -i, n., theater.

232 inspicio, -ere, -spexi, -spectus, look at, inspect, consider,

examine. brattea, -ae, f., gold leaf. lignum, -i, n., wood.

tegat: 230.

233 populus, -i, m., people. facta: 'when finished.'

234 nisi: with summōtis viris. summōveo, -ere, -movi, -motus,

send away. paro, -are, -avi, -atus, get ready, pre-

pare, work on. With paranda supply est.

235 non: with veto. pecto, -ere, pexi, pexus, comb, coram, in

the presence of (men), openly, publicly. praebeo, -ere, -ui,

-itus, offer, furnish, cause, allow, permit. Supply te as subject

of praebere.

236 rufus, -a, -um, spread out, flowing. tergum, -i, n., back.

veto, -are, -ui, -itus, forbid.

- Quae male crinita est, custodem in limine ponat  
orneturve Bonae semper in aede Deae.
- 245 Dictus eram subito tuldam venisse puerilla;  
turbida Perversas induit illa cohas.  
Hostibus veniat tam foedi causa pudoris,  
inque nurus Parthas dedecis illud eat!
- Turpe pecus matilum, turpis sine gramine campus  
et sine fronde frutex et sine crine caput.
- 250 Beautiful girls do not have much need of Ovid's advice. But  
Perfect beauty is rare. Learn to conceal your defects.
- Non mihi venistis, Semele Ledeve, docendae,  
perve fretum falso Sidoni vecta bove,
- 243 quae: antecedent is subject of ponat. **crinitus**, -a, -um, provided with hair; **custos**, -onis, m., f., guard, attendant. **limen**, -inis, n., threshold, doorway, entrance.
- 244 **orno**, -are, -avi, -atus, get ready, ornament, adorn, deck, establish. -ve, or. **Bona Dea, Bonae Deae**, f., the Good God, goddess (worshipped by the women of Rome as the Goddess of fertility and chastity; no man was permitted to enter her temple). **aedis** or aedes, -is, f., temple.
- 245 **dictus eram subito** . . . venisse: "I had been said suddenly to have come" = my unexpected arrival was announced. **subi**, to, suddenly, unexpectedly. **quidam**, quoddam, a certain.
- 246 **turbidis**, -a, -um, confused, disordered. **perversus**, -a, -um, turned the wrong way, askew, backward. **induo**, -ere, -ui, -utus, put on.
- 247 **hostis**, -is, m., f., (public) enemy. **evenio**, -ire, eveni, events (with dat.), happen to, baffle. **foedus**, -a, -um, foul, horrible, disgraceful, shameful. **pudor**, -oris, m., shame, disgrace, embarrassment.
- 248 **nurus**, -us, f., daughter-in-law, young woman. **Parthus**, -a, -um, Parthian. The Parthians, inhabiting a part of what is now Iran, were the current enemies of Rome. **dedecus**, -oris, n., disgrace, infamy, shame.
- 249 **pecus**, pecoris, n., cattle, herd, flock, animal, bull, bull-lus, -a, -um, mutilated, without horns, gramen, -inis, n., grass. **campus**, -i, n., plain, field.
- 250 **frons**, -dis, f., foliage, leaves, frutex, -icis, m., shrub, bush, crinis, -is, m., hair. **caput**, -itis, n., head.
- 251 **Semele**, -es, f.: sweetheart of Jupiter, and by his mother of Bacchus. **Leda**, -es, f., Leda (woood by Jupiter in the guise of a swan; mother of Castor and Pollux, Helen and Clytemnestra).
- 252 -ve, or. **fretum**, -i, n., strait, sea, falsus, -a, -um, pretended, feigned, deceitful, false. **Sidonis**, -idis (voc. -i), f., Sidonian (Phoenician) girl; i.e., Europa (carried off to Crete by Jupiter, who took the form of a bull). **veh**, -ere, -xi, -ctus, bear, carry, convey. **bos**, hovis, m., f., ox, bull, cow.

- aut Helene, quam non stulte, Menelae, reposcis, tu quoque non stulte, Troice raptor, habes.
- Turba docenda venit, pulchrae turpesque puellae, pluraque sunt semper deteriora bonis.
- Formosae non artis opem praeceptaque quaerunt: est illis sua dos, forma sine arte potens;
- cum mare compositum est, securus navita cessat; cum tunet, auxiliis adsidet ille suis.
- Rara tamen mendo facies caret: occule mendas, quaque potes, vitium corporis abde tui.
- Si brevis es, sedeas, ne stans videare sedere,
- 253 **Helene**, -es, f., Helen (wife of Menelaus; she eloped to Troy with Paris). She and the other girls mentioned belong to that alluring and desirable group who, Ovid feels, need none of his advice). **stulte**, foolishly. **Menelae**, -i, m.: king of Sparta, brother of Agamemnon, and a leader of the Greeks against Troy. **reposco**, -ere, demand back.
- 254 **stulte**: 253. **Troicus**, -a, -um, Trojan. **raptor**, -oris, m., robber, abductor, ravisher.
- 255 **turba**, -ae, f., crowd, throng, multitude. **pulcher**, -chra, -chrini, beautiful. **puellae**: nom. plur. in app. with turba.
- 256 **deterior**, -ius, worse, deteriora (as noun, subject of sunt): worse things, the worse, the inferior. **bonum**, -i, n., good thing, the good.
- 257 **praeceptum**, -i, n., rule, instruction, precept.
- 258 **illis**: dat. of possession. **dos**, dotis, f., dowry. **gift**, potens, -antis, powerful, mighty, potent.
- 259 The meaning of this couplet is that beautiful girls, like a sailor on a stormy sea, can take things easy; the plain, like a compositus, -a, -um, well arranged, quiet, peaceful, calm, secure. -ae, m., sailor, mariner. **cesso**, -are, -avi, -atus, loiter, be at leisure, do nothing, rest.
- 260 **tumeo**, -ere, swell, be violent, become violent. **auxilium**, -ii, n., help, aid, assistance. **adsto**, -ere, adsidet, ad-sessus (with dat.), sit down to, attend to, apply oneself to.
- 261 **rarus**, -a, -um, rare, few, here and there; seldom, rarely. **rending**, -i, n., fault, blemish, defect, careo, -ere, -ui, -itus (with abl.) be without, lack, occulo, -ere, -ciui, -cuitus, cover (up), hide, conceal, menda, -ae, f., fault, defect, blemish.
- 262 **abdo**, -ere, abdid, abditus, hide, conceal, keep secret.
- 263 **brevis**, -e, short, small, low. **sedeas** and **iaceas**: subjunctives used for imperatives. **sto**, -are, steti, status, stand, videare = videaris.

inque tuo iaceas quantulacunque toro;  
hic quoque, ne possit fieri mensura cubantis,

injecta lateant fac tibi veste pedes.

Quae nimium gracilis, pleno velamina filo

sumat, et ex umbris laxus amictus eat;

pallida purpureis tangat sua corpora virgis;

nigrior, ad Pharii confige piscis open.

Pes malus in nivea semper celetur aluta,

arida nec vinclis crura resolve suis.

Convenient tenues scapulis analectrides altis:

264 - quantuluscumque; quantulacumque, quantulumcumque, however  
small, however insignificant. torus, -i, m., couch, sofa,  
bed.

265 mensura, -ae, f., measurement, measure, estimation of size.  
cubo, -are, -avi, -atus, lie down, recline, cubantis modifies  
tui ('of you') understood.

266 iunctio, -ere, inieci; injectus, throw over. lateo, -ere,  
-ui, be or lie hidden or concealed. vestis, -is, f.,  
clothes, garment, robe.

267 The antecedent of quae is the subject of sumat. nimium, too,  
too much. gracilis, -e, thin, slender, lean. plenus, "a,  
-um, full, bulky, thick. velamen, -inis, n., covering, clothing,  
robe, garment, dress. filum, -i, n., thread, fibre, texture.

268 sumo, -ere, sumpsi, sumptus, take, put on. umerus, -i, m.,  
shoulder. Iaxus, -a, -um, loose(y), spacious. amictus,  
-us, m., clothing, outer garment, mantle, cloak. eat = . . . ,  
hang.

269 pallidus, -a, -um, pale. With pallida supply puella. puma-  
reus, -a, -um, purple, red, crimson. tango, -ere, teigii,  
tactus, touch, smear, color; dye. Virga, -ae, f., branch, streak,  
stripe. --It seems uncertain whether Ovid is recommending the use  
of rouge on the face or crimson-striped clothes.

270 niger, -gra, -grum black, dark, swarthy. nigrior is vocative.  
Phariss, -a, -um, pharissian, Egyptian, configlio, -ere, -figi,  
flee to, have recourse to, resort to. piscis, -is, m., fish. The  
Egyptian fish is the crocodile, whose intestines and dung were a  
cosmetic ingredient, used to whiten the complexion and remove  
freckles.

271 malus, -a, -um, bad, ill-shaped, ugly. niveus, -a, -um,  
snowy, snow-white. ccelo, -are, -avi, -atus, hide, conceal,  
cover. aluia, -ae, f., soft leather, shoe.

272 aridus, -a, -um, dry, skiny, lean. nec should come at the  
beginning of the line. vinclum, -i, n., fastening, bond,  
tie, lacing (of a shoe or sandal). crus, curris, n., leg, shin,  
foot, ankle. resolvo, -ere, -solvi, -solutus, untie, loosen,  
release.

273 convenio, -ire, -veni, -ventus (with dat.), be suitable to,  
<sup>b</sup> appropriate to. scutulae, -arum, f., shoulder blades.  
analectris, -idis, f., shoulder pad. altus, -a, -um, high, deep.

angustum circa fascia pectus eat.

Exiguo signet gestu, quodcunque loquetur,

cui digitii pingues et scaber unguis erit.

Cui gravis oris odor, nunquam ieiuna loquatur

et semper spatio distet ab ore viri.

Si niger aut ingens aut non erit ordine natus

dens tibi, ridendo maxima clama feres.

Learn how to laugh and cry fetchingly, and how to talk baby talk.

In walking avoid both a sinuously swaying glide and a rustic lopé.

Something in between is desired.

Quis credit? Discunt etiam rideere puellae,

Quaeritur atque illis hac quoque parte decor!  
Sint modici rictus parvaeque utrinque lacunae,  
et summos dentes ima labella tegant;

274 angustus, -a, -um, narrow, small: Instead of angustum, another reading here is inflatum, swollen, plump. circa (with acc.), around. fascia, -ae, f., band, brassiere.

275 exiguis, -a, -um, scanty, small, inconspicuous, infrequent. signo, -are, -avi, -atus, mark, emphasize. gestus, -us, m., motion, gesture.

276 cui: dat. of possession; its antecedent is the subject of signet. pinguis, -e, fat, thick. scather, -bra, -brum, rough. unguis, -is, m., nail, fingernail.

277 cui: dat. of possession; its antecedent is the subject of loquatur. gravis, -e, heavy, strong, unpleasant, offensive. oder, -oris, m., smell, odor. nunquam, never. sejunctus, -a, -um, (while) hungry.

278 spatium, -ii, n., space, distance, interval. disto, -are, stand apart, stand away, be distant, be separated.

279 niger, -gra, -grum black, dingy. ingens, -entis, huge, very large. ordo, -inis, n., regular row, line, order. nascor, nasci, natus, be born, grow.

280 dens, dentis, m., tooth. rideo, -ere, -si, -sus, laugh. maximus, -a, -um, greatest. dannus, -i, n., harm, damage, loss, penalty.

281 Quis credit? Who would believe it? -- a Latin way of saying 'Believe it or not.' Ridere: 280.

282 atque: translate at the beginning of the line. illis: dat. of agent. hac . . . parte: in this respect. decor, -oris, m., elegance, grace, beauty, charm.

283 modicus, -a, -um, moderate, moderate-sized. rictus, -us, m., opening of the mouth. parvus, -a, -um, small. utrinque, on both sides, on either side. lacuna, -ae, f., hollow, dimple.

284 dentes: 280. iaxus, -a, -um, lowest part of, bottom or edge of. labellum, -i, n., little lip. tego, -ere, -xi, -ctus, cover, hide, conceal. --That is, the guns should not be exposed.

- 285 nec sua perpetuo contendat ilia risu,  
sed leve nescio quid feminineumque sonet.  
Est, quae perverso distorqueat ora cachino;  
cum risu quassa est altera, flere putes.
- 290 illa sonat raucum quiddam atque inamabile: ridet,  
ut rudit a scabra turpis asella mola.  
Quo non ars penetrat? Discunt lacrimare decenter,  
quoque volunt plorant tempore, quoque modo.
- Quid, cum legitima fraudatur littera voce,  
blaesaque fit iusso lingua coacta sono?
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- 285 **perpetuus**, -a, -um, continual, constant, perpetual. **con-**  
**tendo**, -ere, -di, -tus, stretch, strain, strive, hasten,  
**illa**, -gium, n., flanks, sides. **RISUS**, -us, m., laughing, laugh,  
laughter.
- 286 **nescio quid**: 'I know not what,' i.e., 'something or other,'  
referring here to a kind of laugh and used as subject of so-  
net. **feminus**, -a, -um, womanly, feminine. **sono**, -are, -avi,  
-atus, sound, sound forth, utter a sound.
- 287 **Est**, quae: 'There is the girl who,' introducing a relative  
clause of characteristic; hence the subjunctive. **pervers-**  
**us**, -a, -um, askew, distorted, disfiguring, hideous. **distorquo**,  
-ere, -torci, -tortus, twist, distort. **cachimus**, -i, m., loud  
laugh, coarse laughter, cackle, guffaw.
- 288 **risu**: 285. **quatio**, -ere, --, quassus, shake. flere: supply  
eam (her, she) as subject.
- 289 **illa**: 'that one,' 'another.' **sonat**: 286. **raucus**, -a, -um, a  
hoarse, harsh, grating, raucous. **quiddam**, **quidam**, a  
certain one, a certain thing; here, with **sonat**, a certain sound,  
i.e., some kind of blast. **inamabilis**, i.e., unlovely, video, -ere,  
risus, laugh.
- 290 **rudo**, -ere, -ivi, -itus, roar, bellow, bray. Note the parono-  
masia (pun): ridef and rudent. scaber, -bra, -brum, rough,  
asella, -ae, f., (little) she-ass. **mola**, -ae, f., millstone.
- 291 **quo** (adv.), whither, where, to what place. **penetro**, -are,  
-avi, -atus, penetrate. **lacrimo**, -are, -avi, -atus, shed  
tears, weep, cry. **decenter**, becomingly, properly, fetchingly.  
292 **quo** modifies **tempore**. **ploro**, -are, -avi, -atus, wail, la-  
ment, weep aloud.
- 293 **Quid**: 'What?' 'What's to be said?' **legitimus**, -a, -um, law-  
ful, right, proper. Modifies **voce** here. **frando**, -are, -avi,  
-atus (with abl.), cheat out of, deprive of. **littera**, -ae, f.,  
letter. **vox**, vocis, f., voice, sound.
- 294 **blasus**, -a, -um, lisping. Lingua, -ae, f., tongue. **coac-**  
**sound**, pronunciation. --A rough line; literally, 'and the tongue,  
constrained with ordered sound, becomes lisping'; quite freely,  
and girls lisp on purpose.

In vitio decor est, quaedam male reddere verba:  
discunt posse minus, quam potuere, loqui.

Omnibus his, quoniam prosunt, impendite curam.  
Discite feminine corpora ferre gradu:

est et in incessu pars non contempta decoris;  
allicit ignotos ille fugatque viros.

Haec movet arte latus, tunicsque fluentibus auras

accipit, extensos fertque superba pedes;

illa velut coniunx Umbri rubicunda mariti

ambulat, ingentes varica fertque gradus.

Sed sit, ut in multis, modus hic quoque rusticus alter  
motus, concessu mollior alter erit.

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295 **decor**, -oris, m., elegance, grace, charm. **quidam**, quaedam,  
quoddam, certain. **reddere**, - to pronounce,

posse minus, quam potuere, loqui: 'to be less able to speak  
than they were able.' minus (adv.), less. potuere = potu-

erunt.

297 **quoniam**, since, because. **prosum**, prodesset, profui, be of  
use, be advantageous, help. **intendere**, -ere, -di, -sus, ex-

pend, devote. **impendere** curam: give attention.

298 **feminus**, -a, -um, womanly, feminine. **gradus**, -us, m., step.

299 **incensus**, -us, m., walking, gait, contemptus, -a, -um, con-  
temptible, (to be) despised, (to be) vaunted lightly, deco-

ris: 295.

300 **allicio**, -era, allexi, allactus, attract. **ignotus**, -a, -um,  
unknown, strange. ille = incensus. **fugo**, -are, -avi, -atus,  
put to flight, drive away.

301 **haec**: supply pueria, as with illa (303). **latus**, -eris, n.,  
side, flank, tunica, -ae, f., tunic, undergarment, garment,  
robe. **fluo**, -ere, -xi, -sus, flow.

302 **extensus**, -a, -um, stretched out, extended. **extensos** modi-  
fies pedes. An artificial pacing in the manner of a showman  
mannequin or of a chorus Girl on parade is indicated. **superbus**,

-a, -um, haughty, proud; or translate as adverb.

303 **velut**, just as, like. **coniunx**, -ugis, m., f., spouse, wife.  
Umbri, -bra, -brum, Umbrian (Umbria was a region of Italy  
noted for its rusticity; part of the backwoods, as it were). **ru-**  
**bicundus**, -a, -um, red, ruddy, red-faced. **maritus**, -i, m., hus-  
band.

304 **ambulo**, -are, -avi, -atus, walk, stride. **ingens**, -entis,  
huge, enormous, great. **varicos**, -a, -um, with feet spread  
apart, straddling, fert, takes. --que properly should have been  
attached to ingentes. **granus**, -us, m., step, pace, stride.

305 **rusticus**, -a, -um, rustic, awkward.

306 **motus**, -us, m., motion, movement. concessu (neat, abl. of  
the participle of concedo, allow); than is allowed, than  
is proper. **molior** = more affected, more mincing.

295

Pars umeri tamen ima tui, pars summa lacerti

nuda sit, alaeva conspicienda manu.

Hoc vos praecipue, niveae, decet; hoc ubi vidi,

oscula ferre umero, qua patet usque, libet.

Girls should know how to sing. Many have found that their voices make up for their faces. They should be familiar with musical instruments as well. Dancing is an invaluable accomplishment. And though it is a little thing, girls should know how to play various games, such as dice, chess, and *tit-tat-toe* (311-366). But much harder than playing a game skillfully is keeping oneself and one's temper under control. Their nature prevents girls from engaging in the more vigorous male sports.

Mille facesse iocos! Turpe est nescire puellam

Iudere: iudendo saepe paratur amor.

Sed minimus labor est sapienter iactibus uti:

maius opus mores comprouisse suos.

Tum sumus incanti studioque aperimur in ipso,

nudaque per lusus pectora nostra patent:

307 umerus, -i, m., shoulder. imus, -a, -um, lowest. lacertus, -i, m., (*upper*) arm.

308 nudus, -a, -um, naked, bare, uncovered. laevus, -a, -um, left. conspicio, -ere, -spexi, -spectus, look at, gaze upon, see, observe. manu here = 'side.' --The left side is specified here probably because in reclining at a Roman dinner, the person on your couch who could see you best would be ahead of you on your left, and your left shoulder would be particularly exposed to his gaze.

309 praecipue, especially, particularly. niveus, -a, -um, snow-white, fair-skinned, blonde. Here vocative.

310 osculum, -i, n., kiss. <sup>umero:</sup> 307. qua . . . usque, wherever. pateo, -ere, -ui, lie open, be exposed. libet, -ere, libuit (libitum est), it is pleasing, it pleases.

367 mille (indecl. abd.) a thousand. facessio, -ere, facessi, facessius, do *eggerly*, perform, engage in, create, invent. iocus, -i, m., joke, pastime, sport, game. nescio, -ire, -ivi (-ii), -itus, not know (how), be ignorant.

368 ludo, -ere, -si, -sus, play, play games, sport, paro, -are, -avi, -atus, prepare, get ready, acquire, (arouse).

369 minians, -a, -um, smallest, least, slightest. labor, -oris, m., labor, task, trouble. sapienter, sensibly, wisely, cleverly. iactus, -us, m., throw.

370 compono, -ere, -posui, -positus, put together; arrange, set in order, bring under control. suis: one's.

371 incautus, -a, -um, incautious, of one's guard. stadium, -ii, n., zeal, eagerness, preoccupation. aperio, -ire, aperui, apertus, unveil, disclose, reveal; (pass.) reveal one's true nature.

372 nudus, -a, -um, naked, bare, exposed. lusus, -us, m., play, sport, game. pateo, -ere, -ui, lie open, be exposed.

ira subit, deforme malum, lucisque cupido

'urgiaque et rixae sollicitusque dolor;

crimina dicuntur, resonat clamoribus aether,

invocat iratos et sibi quisque deos.

Nulla fides tabulae! Quae non per vota petuntur!

Et lacrimis vidi saepe madere genas.

Jupiter a vobis tam turpia crimina pellat,

in quibus est ulli cura placere viro.

380

Hos ignava iocos tribuit natura puellis;

materia ludunt uberiore viri.

Sunt illis celervesque pilae iaculumque trochique  
armaque et in gyros ire coactus equus.

373 Ira, -ae, f., anger, rage, subeo, -ire, -ii, -itus, come up, follow, spring up; stet in, deformis, -e, unsightly, ugly, disgusting, disgraceful. malum, -i, n., an evil, lucrum, -i, n., gain.

cupido, -inis, f., desire, passion, lust, greed.

374 iurgium, -ii, n., quarrel, dispute, violent argument. rixa, -ae, f., quarrel, brawl, dispute, solicitus, -a, -um, anxious, troubled, distressing. dolor, -oris, m., distress, grief, anguish, vexation.

375 resono, -are, -avi, -atus, resound, reecho, clamor, -oris, m., shout, cry. aether, -eris, m., air, heaven.

376 invoco, -are, -avi, -atus, call upon, invoke. iratus, -a, -um, enraged, angry. eti: translate at beginning of line.

377 fides, -ei, f., trust, faith. tabula, -ae, f., board, game board, gaming table, nullus fides tabulae: {there is} no faith to a gaming table, i.e., you can't trust the gaming tables, votum, -i, n., vow, wish. quae non per vota petuntur: what (gains) are not sought by means of vows (to the gods)!

378 madeo, -ere, -ui, be wet, flow. gena, -ae, f., cheek.

379 Iuppiter, Iovis, <sup>genit.</sup> m., Jupiter, Jove, chief of the gods. pel-  
16, -ere, pepuli, pulsus, drive away, avert, turn away.

380 ullus, -a, -us (dat. ulli), any. <sup>SCRIPS</sup> <sup>RECOG</sup>

381 ignavis, -a, -um, inductive, lazy, sluggish, (blocker). ibens, -i, m., joke, pastime, sport, game. tribuo, -ere, tribui, tributus, assign, allot, give, grant. natura, -ae, f., nature, innate quality, natural disposition.

382 materia, -ae, f., stuff, matter, material. ludo, -ere, -si, -sus, play, play games, sport. uber, uberis, rich, abundant, plentiful.

383 illis: dat. of possession. celer, celeris, celere, quick, swift, lively. pila, -ae, f., ball, iaculum, -i, n., dart, javelin, trochus, -i, m., hoop.

384 gyrus, -i, m., circle, circular course, ring, cogo, -ere, poegi, coactus, collect, force, compel. --Referred to here is probably the *Iulus Troiae*, a kind of sham battle on horseback or elaborate cavalry drill.

'Redde meum!' tota voce boante foro.

*(A)* Get about; there is no use having a pretty face if no one ever sees it. Have your hook always dangling; a fish (poor?) will bite when you least expect it (385-432). But beware of men who are too smooth.

Sed vitate viros cultum formaque professos,

quique suas ponunt in statione comas.

435 Quae vobis dicunt, dixerunt mille puellis;

errat et in nulla sede moratur amor.

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Nec coma vos fallat liquido nitidissima nardo

nec brevis in rugas lingula presa suas,

nec toga decipiatur filo tenuissima. nec si

445 amulus in digitis alter et alter erit,

Forsitan ex horum numero cultissimus ille

fur sit et uratur vestis amore tuae.

'Redde meum!' clamant spoliatae saepe puellae,

433 vito, -are, -avi, -atus, shun, avoid. cultus, -us, m., cul-

ture, cultivation, elegance, polish, refinement. profiteor, -eri, -fessus. profess, display, make a show of.

434 statio, -onis, f., post, (proper) place, position.

435 mille (indecl. adj.), a thousand.

436 erro, -are, -avi, -atus, wonder, stray about, rove. sedes, -is, f., seat, abode, fixed place. horor, -ari, -atus, de-

lay, tarry, remain, linger.

437 liquidus, -a, -um, liquid, flowing, clear. nitidus, -a, -um, shining, sleek. nardum, -i, n., nard (a fragrant oil); hair oil, brilliantine (?).

444 brevis, -e, short, little. ruga, -ae, f., crease, fold, wrinkle. lingula, -ae, f., little tongue; tongue of a belt, tongue of a shoe, shoe strap. premio, -ere, pressi, pressus, press. --The meaning of this line is not quite clear. It evidently refers to a fastidious way of dressing, perhaps with the tongue of the belt adjusted so as to cause the toga to fall in certain precise creases; or with the end of the shoe strap tucked carefully out of sight.

445 toga, "ae, f., toga (the loose, rather formal outer garment of a Roman male); decipio, -ere, -cpi, -ceptus, ensnare, beguile, deceive, mislead. filum, -i, n., thread, texture.

446 sinulus, -i, m., ring. alter et alter: one and another.

447 forsitan, perhaps. numerus, -i, m., number. cultus, -a, -um, cultivated, adorned, polished, elegant; (superl.) most elegant, etc.; best dressed.

448 fur, furi, m., f., thief, rogue, knave. uro, -ere, ussi, ustus, burn, consume. vestis, -is, f., clothing, clothes.

449 spolio, -are, -avi, -atus, rob of clothing, rob, plunder.

*(A)* Don't answer a letter too soon ('mora semper amantes incitat'), but don't delay too long. By your answers make him hope and fear at the same time, but gradually encourage his hopes. If you are afraid of someone else's reading your letters, always let he be 'she' in them (467-498). These things repel men; an angry woman (try looking at yourself in a mirror), a haughty woman, a gloomy woman.

Si licet a parvis animatum ad maiora referre

plenaque curvato pandere vel a sinu,

pertinet ad faciem rabidos compescere mores:

candida pax homines, trux decet ira feras.

Ora tument ira, nigrescent sanguine venae,

lumina Gorgoneo saevius igne micant.

I procul hinc,' dixit 'non es mihi tibia, tanti,'

ut vidit vultus Pallas in amne suos.

450 totus, -a, -um, the whole, all the, the entire. *hoo*, -are, cry aloud, cry, roar, ring, resound. forum, -i, n., forum, market place, public square, downtown district.

499 parvus, -a, -um, little, small; (neut. plur.) small things, small matters.

500 plenus, -a, -um, full, filled, swelling. curvatus, -a, -um, curved, rounded. *pando*, -ere, pandi, passus & pausus, spread out, extend, unfurl. *velum*, -i, n., sail.

501 pertineo, -ere, -ut, (with ad) pertain to, relate to, concern, be the concern of. *ravidus*, -a, -um, savage, fierce, passionate, angry. *combesco*, -ere, -pescui, hold in check, restrain, restrain.

502 candens, -a, -um, white, bright, fair, beautiful. pax, pacis, f., peace. homo, -inis, m., human being, man.

503 trux, trucis, wild, harsh, savage, fierce. ira, -ae, f., anger, wrath, rage, passion. fera, -ae, f., wild animal, wild beast.

504 tumeo, -ere, swell, become swollen. ira: 502. *nitresco*, -ere, nigrui, become black, grow dark. sanguis, -inis, m., blood. *venia*, -ae, f., vein.

505 Ovid speaks of the time Athene picked up the first flute and tried playing on it. She was enjoying her music until she happened to glimpse the distortions of her tobling face reflected in some water. Being a woman, she was horrified and flung the flute away. procul, far, far away. hinc, hence, from here. *titania*, -ae, f., flute, taenia, -a, -um, so great, so much. tantus is genitive of value; worth so much, worth all that.

506 *vultus*, -us, m. (sing. and plur.) countenance, features, face. *Pallas*, -adis & -ados, f., *Pallas*, Athene, Minerva, goddess of wisdom, the arts, etc. annis, -is, m., river.

Vos quoque si media speculum spectetis in ira,  
cognoscat faciem vix satis ulla suam.

Nec minus in vultu damnosa superbia vestro:  
comibus est oculis alliciendus amor.

Odimus immodicos (experto credite!) fastus:

saepe tacens odii semina vultus habet.

Spectantem specta, ridenti mollia ride;

innuet: acceptas tu quoque redde notas.

515 Sic ubi prolusi, rudibus puer ille relictis  
spicula de pharetra promit acuta sua.

Odimus et maestas: Tecmessa diligit Ajax!

507 speculum, -i, n., mirror, looking glass. Ira: 502.

508 cognosco, -ere, -gnoxi, -gnitus, learn, recognize. vix  
hardly, scarcely. satis, sufficient, sufficiently. Perhaps  
should be omitted in translation here. ulius, -a, -um, any, any-  
one.

509 minus (adv.), less. Modifies *damnosa*, *vultu*: 506. *damnous*,  
-a, -um, injurious, hurtful, damaging. *superbia*, -se, f.:  
haughtiness, pride, arrogance. *wester*, -tra, -trum, your (plur.).  
510 *comis*, -e, courteous, kind, friendly. *alicio*, -ere, -lexi,  
-lectus, attract, entice.

511 *odi*, *odisse*, hate, -distile, *immodicus*, -a, -um, excessive,  
immoderate, expertus, -i, m. from partic. of *experior*, try,  
test), one who knows by experience, expert. *fastus*, -is, m. (j.  
(sing. & plur.), scornful disdain, haughtiness, arrogance, pride.

512 *tacens*, -entis, silent. *odium*, -ii, n., hatred, ill will,  
dislike. *semen*, -inis, n., seed. *vultus*: 506.

513 *spectante*: 'one (him, the man) who looks at you'; translate  
ridenti similarly. *rido*, -ere, risi, risus, laugh, smile;  
*smile* at (with dat.). *mollia* (cognate acc.); 'softly', 'Pleas-  
antly'.

514 *inquo*, -ere, -ui, -utus, nod. The future here indicates a

supposition rather than a certainty. *acceptus*, -a, -um, ac-  
cepted, received, understood; acceptable, welcome, agreeable.  
*nota*, -ae, f., mark, sign, note.

515 *proludo*, -ere, -si, -sus, play or practice beforehand, warm  
up. *rudis*, -is, f., exercise stick, wooden sword, foil.  
*puer ille* is Cupid.

516 *spiculum*, -i, n., dart, arrow. *pharetra*, -se, f., quiver.  
-romo, -ere, *prompsi*, *prompsus*, bring forth, draw forth, pro-  
duce, acuteus, -a, -um, sharp, pointed.

517 *odi*, *odisse*, hate, dislike. *maestas*, -a, -um, sad, melan-  
choly, gloomy. *Tecmessa*, -ae, f.: a princess Ajax captured,  
after having killed her father; naturally she may have been mel-  
ancholy. *diligo*, -ere, dixeri, dilectus, love. *Ajax*, -acis, m.,  
Ajax, mighty Greek warrior in the war against Troy.

Nos, hilare populum, femina laeta capit.  
Numquam ego te, Andromache, nec te Tecmessa, rogarem,

ut mea de vobis altera amica foret.

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Scilicet Aiaci mulier maestissima dixit

'Lux meat!' quaque solent verba iuvare viros?

 Classify your suitors according to what they are good for. Poets possess some very good points, and there is a god in them. But they are poor. A boy new in love will be much more easily frightened off than a veteran (525-576). Love flourishes on difficulties and repulses. Keep your admirers guessing.

Omnia tradantur (portas reservavimus hosti),

et sit in infida proditione fides.

Quod datur ex facili, longum male nutrit amorem:

miscrenda est laetus rara repulsa iocis.

Ante fores iaceat, 'Crudelis ianua!' dicat,

523 *hilaris*, -e, cheerful, lively, gay, merry. *populus*, -i, m., people, crowd, throng. *populus* is in apposition with nos and may refer either to the male sex or to the Roman people. *laetus*, -a, -um, joyful, cheerful, gay, happy.

519 *nunquam*, never. *Andromache*, -es, f.: Hector's noble and heroic wife. As we have already seen (II, 645; III, 109), Ovid never cared much for her type. Her life was filled with sorrows, and she had a good deal to weep about. *Tecmessa*: 517.

520 *altera* : 'either one.' *foret* : esset.

523 scilicet here introduces an incredulous question: 'Is it really possible to believe that?' *Aiaci*: 517. *mu-*

*lier*, -eris, f., woman, wife. *macssissima*: 517.

524 *lux*, *lucis*, f., light. *lux meat*: 'light of my life!' i.e., darling! The antecedent of *quae* is *verba*.

527 *trado*, -ere, -didi, -ditus, hand over, surrender, betray.

*porta*, -ac, f., gate. *reservo*, -are, *avisi*, -atus, unlock,

open. *hostis*, -is, m., f., enemy. By this Ovid means the women.

578 *infidus*, -a, -um, faithless, treacherous. *prodito*, -onis, f., betrayal, treachery. *fides*, -ei, f., faith, confidence, belief. --Ovid is playing with the words *infida* and *fides*: he wants the women to have faith in his faithless betrayal of the men.

579 *ex facili*, easily, readily. *nutrio*, -ire, -ivi (-ii), -itus, nourish, sustain.

580 *miscre*, -ere, miscre, mixtus, mix, mingle. *laetus*, -a, -um, joyful, cheerful, gay, merry. *rarus*, -a, -um, rare, occa-  
sional. *repulsa*, -ae, f., repulse, iocus, -i, m., joke, pastime, sport, game, prank.

581 *foris*, -is, f., door; (plur.), door, doors, entrance. crude-  
lis, -e, hard-hearted, cruel. *ianua*, -ae, f., door.

multaque summis, multa minanter agat.

Dulcia non ferimus: suco renoverur amaro;

saepe perit ventis obruta cumba suis.

585

Hoc est, uxores quod non patiatur amari:

Adde forem, et duro dicat tibi ianitor ore

'Non potes': exclusum te quoque tanget amor!

Lovers, like horses, do better when they know it is a race. Wives must be faithful to their husbands; for others, deception is sometimes necessary. There are various stratagems, such as notes written and conveyed on a friend's back or 'written' invisibly in new milk (charcoal will make it visible) (589-666). Though he feels that it is a betrayal of his sex, Ovid suggests that men be led to imagine that they are held in affection. It should not be hard to do; men are usually conceited.

667 Quo furor insanus? Quid aperto pectore in hostem

mittor et indicio prodor ab ipse meo?

Non avis aucupibus monstrat, qua parte petatur;

582 summis, humbly, submissively, (minanter) threateningly, with threats.

583 dulcis, -e, sweet, agreeable, dulcior 'sweet things' = 'undulterated sweetness', 'nothing but sweetness', sucus, -i, m., juice, potion, dose, medicine. renov, -are, -evi, -atus, renew, restore, refresh, amarus, -a, -um, bitter.

584 obruo, -ere, -ui, -utus, overwhelm, sink. (comba, -ae, f., boat, skiff, suis: 'its own' = 'favorable.'

585 uxor, -oris, f., wife. uxores is subject of amari, patior, pati, passus, endure, allow, permit.

586 convenio, -ire, -veni, -ventus, come together (with), go to, come to, meet, visit, (see). volvere = voluerunt. viri = husbands.

587 addo, -ere, addidi, additus, addi, foris, -is, f., door, ti-

bi z any husband. ianitor, -oris, m., doorkeeper.

588 potes: supply inire, come in. exclude, -ere, -si, -sus, shut out, lock out. tango, -ere, tetigi, tactus, touch, affect, take hold of.

667 quo, whither, where. feror = 'am I rushing.' insanus, -a, -um, mad, insane, foolish. Perhaps better as adverb here.

apertus, -a, -um, open, unprotected, exposed. hostis, -is, m., f., enemy.

668 mitto, mittere, missi, missus, send, hurl, throw. mitter: 'do I throw myself,' 'do I charge.' (indictum, -i, n., information, testimonia, evidence. prodo, -ere, -didi, -ditus, betray, ab governs indictio.

669 avis, -is f., bird, auceps, aucipis, m., f., bird catcher, fowler. monstro, -are, -avi, -atus, show, point out. Here nom. Here nom. mei: objective gen. with cura.

non docet infestos currere cerva canes.

Viderit utilitas! Ego copta fideliter edam;

Lemnias in gladios in mea fata dabo.

Efficite (et facile est), ut nos credamus amari:

prona venit cupidis in sua vota fides,

Spectet amabilius iuvenem et suspiraret ab imo

femina, tam sero cur veniatque roget;

accedant lacrime, dolor et de paelice fictus,

et laniet digitis illius ora suis:

ianducum persuasus erit; miserebitur ultro

et dicet 'Cara carpitur ista mei!'

680 cura: abl. capo, -ere, -psi, plus, pick, wear away, con-

sume. iste, ista, istud, that of yours, that; he, she, it.

Here nom. mei: objective gen. with cura.

Praecipue si cultus erit speculoque placabit,  
posse suo targi credet amore deas.

Feeble no real jealousy because of a rival. The sad story of Cephalus and Procris reveals the folly of that.

*Sed te quaecumque est, "moderate iniuria turbet,  
nec cito credideris. Quantum cito credere laedat,*

*exemplum vobis non leve Procris erit.*

Est prope purpureos colles florentis Hymettii

fons sacer et viridi caespite mollis humus.

690 Silva nemus non alta facit; tegit arbutus herbam;  
ros maris et lauri nigraque myrtus olent;

nec densum foliis buxum fragilesque myricae

681 praecipue, especially, particularly, cultus, -a, -um, culti-  
vated, elegant, polished, well dressed, well groomed. spe-  
culum, -i, n., looking glass, mirror.

682 suo: probably 'for him' rather than 'his.' tango, -ere, te-  
giti, tactus, touch, move, affect, impress. dea, -ae, f.,  
goddess.

683 moderate, (only) moderately. iniuria, -ae, f., wrong, in-  
jury. turbo, -are, -avi, -atus, disturb, agitate, upset.

684 nec sis, -i, mentis inops: 'and don't lose your head.' au-  
dio, -ire, -ivi (-ii) -itus, hear, hear of. paetex, -icis,  
f., rival. inops, inopis (with gen.), destitute of, without.

685 cito (adv.), (too) quickly, (too) soon, at once. credideris:  
subjunctive, for imperative, quantum, how much. quantum . . .  
laedad: 'how much harm it does.'

686 exemplum, -i, n., example, warning. Procris, -is & -idis, f.:  
a princess of Athens and wife of Cephalus.

687 prope (with acc.) near. Purpureus, -a, -um, purple. col-  
tus, -i, m.: a mountain near Athens, famed for its honey.

688 fons, fontis, m., spring, fountain. sacer, -era, -rum, sa-  
cred. viridis, -e, green. caegeps, -itis, m., turf, sod.  
humus, -i, f., earth, ground.

689 silva, -ae, f., woods, forest, trees. nemus, -oris, n.,  
butus, -i, f., wild strawberry tree (a native of Southern Europe).  
herba, -ae, f., grass.

690 ros maris, roris maris, m., (lit., dew of the sea) rosemary.  
laurus, -i, f., laurel. niger, -gra, -grum, black, dark.  
myrtis, -i & -us, f., myrtle. oleo, -ere, -ui, be fragrant, smell.  
691 densus, -a, -um, thick, dense. folium, -i, n., leaf. bu-  
xum, -i, n., boxwood, box. fragilis, -e, fragile, frail.  
myrica, -ae, f., taenaria.

nec tenues cytisi cultaque pinus abest.  
Lenibus impulsae zephyris auraque salubri

tot generum frondes herbaque summa tremunt.

Grata quies Cephalo: fanulis canibusque relictis 695  
lassus in hac iuvenis saepe resedit humo,

'Quae' que 'meos releves aestus,' cantare solebat  
'acciendi sanguinib[us] mobilis aura, veni!'

Coniugis ad timidas aliquis male sedulus aures

Procris ut accepit nomen, quasi paeticis, Aurae,

auditos memori rettulit ore sonos.

Procris ut subito muta dolore fuit;

692 cytisus, -i, m., f., (a kind of) clover. cultus, -a, -um,  
cultivated, elegant. pinus, -us & -i, f., pine. absunt, ab-  
esse, afui, be absent, be missing. abest agrees in number with its

nearest subject.

693 lenis, -e, soft, smooth, mild, gentle. impello, -ere, im-  
pelli, impulsum, strike, set in motion, impel. zephyrus, -i, m., west wind, zephyr. aura: abl. salutis, -e, health-giving,  
healthal, salubrious.

694 tot (indecl. adj.), so many. genus, -eris, n., race, sort,  
kind. frons, frondis, f., leafy branch, foliage, leaf. iron-  
des is one of the subjects of tremit, herba, -ae, f., grass.  
tremo, -ere, -ui, shake, quiver, tremble.

695 gratus, -a, -um, pleasing, agreeable. quies, -etis, f.,  
rest, quiet. Cephalus, -i, m.: husband of Procris. famu-  
lus, -i, m., servant, attendant, canis, -is, m., f., dog.

696 lassus, -a, -um, weary, tired, exhausted. resideo, -ere, re-  
sedi, remain sitting, rest, linger, tarry. humus, -i, f.,  
earth, ground.

697 quae introduces a relative clause of purpose (note verb in  
2nd person); its antecedent is in next line. relevo, -are,  
-avi, -atus, relieve, alleviate, lessen, astutus, -us, m., heat,  
ardor; in translating here, it must be given a double sense of  
physical heat and of passion: burning. canto, -are, -avi, -atus,  
sing, recite.

698 mobilis, -e, nimble, quick, swift. aura: voc. veni: imper.

699 coniux, coniugis, m., f., spouse, wife. timidus, -a, -um,  
fearful, timid. seditus, -a, -um, diligent, officious, med-  
dling, auris, -is, f., ear.

700 audio, -ire, -ivi (-ii) -itus, hear, overhear. memor, me-  
moris, mindful, remembering, retentive. sonus, -i, m.,  
sound, word.

701 Procris, -is & -idis, f.: wife of Cephalus. quasi, as if, as  
though, paelex, -icis, f., rival. Aurora: to bring out the  
reason for Procris' mistake we might translate (as the context  
suggests) by the similar words aura and laura, or breeze and Rose.

702 excido, -ere, excidi, fall down, faint, swoon. subitus, -a,  
-um, sudden. mutus, -a, -um, dumb, mute, silent. dolor,

palluit, ut serae lectis de vite racemis

pallescunt frondes, quas nova laesit hiems,

quaesque suos curvant natura cydonia ramos,

cornaque adhuc nostris non satis apta cibis,

Ut redit animus, tenues a pectore vestes

rumpit et indignas sauciat ungue genasi;

nec mora, per medias passis furibunda capillis

evolat, ut thyro concita Baccha, vias.

Ut prope perventum, comites in valle relinquit,

ipsa nemus tacito clam pede fortis init,

Quid tibi mentis erat, cum sic male sana lateres,

-oris, m., pain, distress, grief, anguish.

703 **palleo**, -ere, -ui, turn pale. **serus**, -a, -um, late. **vitis**,

-is, f., vine, grapesvine. **racemus**, -i, m., cluster of

grapes.

704 **pallesco**, -ere, pallui, turn pale, wither, fade. **frons**,

frondis, f., foliage, leaf. **hiems**, hiemis, f., winter.

705 The antecedent of **quae** is **cydonia**, which is another subject

of **pallescunt**. **curvo**, -are, -avi, -atus, bend, curve. **matru-**

**rus**, -a, -um, ripe, mature. **cydonia**, -orum, n., quinces.

**ramus**, -i, m., branch.

706 **cornum**, -i, n., cornel berry. adhuc, still, yet. **satis**, suf-

ficient, sufficiently, enough. **cibus**, -i, m., food.

707 **redeo**, -ire, -ii, -itus, come back, return. **westis**, -is, f.,

clothes, garment.

708 **rumpo**, -ere, rupi, ruptus, break, tear. **indignus**, -a, -um,

unworthy, undeserving, innocent. **sacrio**, -are, -avi, -atus,

wound, unguis, -is, m., (finger)nail. **gena**, -ae, f., cheek.

709 **nec mora**: 'and (there is) no delay,' 'without delay.' The

object of **per**-**is** **vias**, ... **passus**, -a, -um, loose, dishevelled,

flying. **furbibundus**, -a, -um, raging, madly, furious(ly).

710 **evolo**, -are, -avi, -atus, fly away, rush forth. **thyrsus**, -i,

m., thyrsus (a staff tipped with a pine cone and entwined

with vines, carried by Bacchus and the Bacchantes). **concilio**,

-ere, concivi, concitus, rouse, excite, stir up. **Baccha**, -ae, f.,

a Bacchante (female follower of Bacchus, given to mad revels).

711 **prope** (adv.), near. **pervenio**, -ire, -veni, -ventus, come

through, come, arrive. **perventum** (est); impersonal passive,

but translate as personal active: 'she came,' comes, -itis, m.,

i., companion, comrade. **vallis**, -is, f., valley.

Iam iam venturam, quaecumque erat Aura, putabas  
scilicet atque oculis probra videnda tuis.  
Nunc venisse piget (neque enim deprendere velles),  
nunc invat: incertus pectora versat amor.  
Credere quae iubant, locus est et nonen et index  
et quia mens semper, quod timet, esse putat.  
Vidit ut oppressa vestigia corporis herba,  
pulsantur trepidi corde micante sinus;  
iamque dies mediis tenuis contraxerat umbras,  
inque pari spatio vesper et ortus erant:  
ecce, reddit Cephalus silvis, Cyllenia proles,

714 **Procri**, -is & -idis (voc. Procri) f., wife of Cephalus.  
-adtonius, -a, -um, stunned, stupefied, astonished. ardor,  
-oris, m., fire, burning, ardor, eagerness, impatience.  
715 iam iam: 'any moment now.' **venturam** = (illam) **venturam**  
(esse). **Aura**: see note on 701.  
716 scilicet, of course, no doubt, undoubtedly, naturally. **pro-**  
**brum**, -i, n., shameful act, videnda: supply esse; indirect  
statement after putabas.  
717 **piget**, -ere, piguit & pigitum est, it displeases, grieves,  
repents, makes ashamed. **venisse piget**: you regret having  
come, neque enim: for . . . not. **deprendo**, -ere, -di, -sus,  
catch, detect, discover. An object must be supplied.  
718 **iuvat**: here used impersonally, parallel to **piget** (717);  
translate 'you are glad (you came)', incertus, -a, -um, un-  
certain, wavering, fluctuating. **pectoris**: plur. for sing.: 'your  
heart.' **verso**, -are, -avi, -atus, turn, twist, agitate, disturb.  
719 **credere quae iubant** . . . est: 'To bid (i.e., cause) her to  
believe (in her husband's infidelity), there are . . . in-  
dex, indicis, m., f., informer, witness.  
720 **quia** here: 'the fact that.' esse: to exist, to be true.  
721 **opprimo**, -ere, oppressi, **oppressus**, press down, oppressa is  
abl. modifying **herba**, vestigium, -ii, n., footstep, trace,  
mark, sign, herba, -ae, f., grass.  
722 **pluso**, -are, -avi, -atus, strike, beat. **trepidus**, -a, -um,  
agitated, anxious, alarmed, cor, cordis, n., heart, nico-  
-are, -avi, -atus, quiver, beat, pulsate. **sinus**: plural for sin-  
gular: bosom, breast.  
723 **contraho**, -ere, -xi, -ctus, draw together, contract, shorten,  
lessen. **umbra**, -ae, f., shade, shadow.  
724 **par**, paris, equal, spatium, -ii, n., space, distance, inter-  
val. **vesper**, -eris & -eri, m., evening. **orbius**, -us, m.,

rising sunrise, morning.  
725 ecce, lo! see! behold! **redeo**, -ire, -ii, -itus, come back,  
return. **Cephalus**, -i, m.: husband of Procri and son of Mer-  
cury. **silva**, -ae, f., wood, forest. **Cyllenus**, -a, -um, Cyleni-

oraque fontana fervida pulsat aqua.

Anxi a Procri, lates; solitas iacet ille per herbas,

et 'Zephyri molles auraque,' dixit 'ades!'

Ut patuit miseræ iucundus nominis error,

et mens et reddit verus in ora color.

Surgit et oppositas agitato corpore frondes

movit, in amplexus uxor itura viri.

Ille, feram vidisse ratus, juvenaliter artus

corripit; in dextra tela fuere manu.

Quid facis, infelix? Non est fera; supprime tela!

Me miserum! Iaculo fixa puella tuo est.

ian of Mercury (who was born on Mt. Cyllene in Arcadia). proles-  
is f., offspring, child, descendant, son.

726. fontanus, -a, -um, from the spring (fountain), spring-, fer-

vitus, -a, -um, glowing, hot. Modifies ora here. pulso, -are,

-avi, -atus, beat, strike, splash,

727. anxius, +a, -um, fearful, anxious, worried, on pins and nee-

dles. Procri: 74. lateo, -ere, -ui, link, lie hid, soli-

tus, -a, -um, accustomed, usual. herba, -ae, f., grass, herb,

plant.

728. zephyrus, -i, m., west wind, zephyr. ades: imperative of

adsum.

729. pateo, -ere, -ui, lie open, be clear, be evident, miseræ:

to the unhappy girl. Iucundus, -a, -um, delightful, agree-

able, pleasing, pleasant. error, -oris, m., error, mistake,

-are, -avi, -atus, move, impel, agitate, excite. frons, frondis,

f., leafy branch, foliage, leaf.

730. reddit: 725. verus, -a, -um, true, real, genuine, proper.

731. surgo, -ere, surrexi, surrectus, rise, get up, jump up, op-

positus, -a, -um, opposed, opposing, in the way. agito,

-are, -avi, -atus, move, impel, agitate, excite. frons, frondis,

i.e., with the impulsiveness of youth. artus, -us, m., joint,

732. amplexus, -us, m., embrace, uxori, -oris, f., wife. itura:

future participle of eo.

733. fera, -ae, f., wild animal. reor, reri, ratus, believe,

think, suppose, imagine. juvenaliter: in a youthful manner;

i.e., with the impulsiveness of youth. artus, -us, m., joint,

- Ei mihi!* 'conclamat. Fixisti pectus amicum!  
Hic locus a Cephalo vulnra semper habet.  
Ante diem morior, sed nulla paenice laesa;  
hoc faciet positae te mihi, terra, levem.  
Nomine suspectas iam spiritus exit in auras.  
Labor, io! Cara lumina conde manu!' 740  
Ille sinu dominæ morientia corpora maesto  
sustinet et lacrimis vulnera saeva lavat.  
Exit et, incauto paulatim pectore lapsus,  
excipitur miseri spiritus ore viri.  
  
But back to the subject! In attending dinner parties make a point of being late. Your entrance will be more effective for several reasons. Mind your table manners. When dining out, don't eat before you leave home and don't eat quite as much as you are able. Moderation should likewise prevail in drink.  
Sed repetamus opus! Mihi nudis rebus eundum est,
737. Ei mihi: 'Ah me!' conclamo, -are, -avi, -atus, cry out, ex-dear, of a friend.
738. Cephalus, -i, m.: husband of Procri. vulnera semper habet: Procri's thinking not only of the spear wound, but also of the wounds of love and Jealousy in the past.
739. morior, mori, mortuus, die. paelex, -icis, f., rival.
740. positac: 'when I am buried,' mihi . . . levem: 'light on me' or 'rest lightly on me.' terra, -ae, f., earth, ground. Here vocative.
741. nomine: abl. of cause with suspectas. suspectus, -a, -um, suspected. spiritus, -us, m., breath, spirit, soul. exeo, -ire, -ii, -itus, go out, go forth, depart.
742. labor, labi, lapsus, slip, sink, pass away, io, oh! ah! carcondo, -ere, -ididi, -ditum, put together, found, shut, close.
743. morientia: 739. maestus, -a, -um, sad, sorrowful.
744. sustineo, -ere, -timui, -tentus, hold up, support. saevus, -a, -um, savage, cruel. lavo, -are, laxi, latulus (lotus, latus), wash, bathe.
745. exit: 741; subject is spiritus. incautus, -a, -um, incavally. lapsus: 742.
746. excipio, -ere, excepti, exceptus, catch, take, receive, spiro, ritus: 741. --It was the custom for the breath of a dying person to be caught in the mouth of the nearest relative.
747. repeto, -ere, -ivi (-ii), -itus, seek again, go back to, return to, nudus, -a, -um, naked, bare, unadorned. res, rel- f, thing, fact. Mihi nudis rebus eundum est = 'I must proceed without further embellishments'; i.e., no more stories.

ut tangat portus fessa carina suos.

Solicite expectas, dum te in convivia ducam,

750

et quaeris monitus hac quoque parte meos,

Sera veni, positaque decens incede lucerna:

grata mora venies; maxima lena mora est.

Etsi turpis eris, formosa videbere potis,

et latebras vitiis nox dabit ipsa tuis.

755

Carpe cibos digitis: est quiddam gestus edendi;

ora nec immunda tota perungue manu.

Neve domi praesume dapes, sed desine citra

748 tango, -ere, tetigi, tactus, touch, reach, arrive at. por-

tus, -us, m., harbor, port. Here plur. for sing. fessus, -a,

tired, weary. carina, -ae, f., keel, vessel, boat, ship,

-um, -us, m., 'in', harbor, port. Here plur. for sing. fessus, -a,

tired, weary. carina, -ae, f., keel, vessel, boat, ship,

749 sollicite, anxious<sup>ly</sup>, expecto, -are, -avi, -atus, wait,

convivium, -ii, n., banquet, dinner party. duco, -ere, duxi,

ductus, lead, conduct.

750 monitus, -us, m., warning, admonition, counsel, advice. hac

. . . parte: 'in this respect.'

751 serus, -a, -um, late, veni: imperat. decens, -entis, becoming,

comely, pretty, charming. incedo, -ere, incessi, incess-

sus, advance, come in, arrives, appear. decens incedo perhaps =

make a graceful entrance. lucerna, -ae, f., lamp.

752 gratus, -a, -um, pleasing, agreeable, grata . . . venies;

your arrival will be pleasing. maximus, -a, -um, greatest,

very great. lena, -ae, f., stimulus of love. 'It does seem the

height of superfluity to advise women to be late.

753 et si, although, even if. videbere = videberis. poti, -orum,

(from participle of potu, drink), m., those who have drunk,

those who have imbibed, the intoxicated.

754 latebra, -ae, f., hiding place, concealment.

755 The Romans regularly ate with their fingers. The advice here

is probably to use only the fingers, daintily, rather than

scooping the food in with the whole hand. carpo, -ere, -psi,

-ptus, pick, pluck, eat. cibus, -i, m., food. quidam, quaedam,

a certain one, a certain thing, someone, something. est

quidam: 'is something' or 'has a certain importance.'

gestus, posture, attitude, motion, gesture. edo, edere & esse,

edi, esus, eat.

756 nec: place at beginning of line. immundus, -a, -um, unclean,

dirty. Modifies manu here. totus, -a, -um, whole, entire,

all. Modifies ora here. perunguo, -ere, -unxi, -unctus, besmirch,

757 neve, or not, nor; and not, and that not. domus, -us & -i,

house, home. praesumo, -ere, -m(p)is, -m(p)tus, take beforehand or in advance. daps or dapis, dapis, f. (sing. & plur.),

feast, banquet, meat, food. 'The implication is that you would

have no appetite for your host's dinner if you ate before going

out; this is a good example of safety first, but hardly of polite-

quam cupis: es paulo, quam potes esse, minus;

Priamides Helenen avide si spectet edentem,

oderit et dicat 'Stulta rapina mea est,'

Aptius est deceatque magis potare puellas;

cum Veneris puero non male, Bacche, facis.

Hoc quoque, qua patiens caput est, animusque pedesque

constant; nec, quae sunt singula, bina vide!

Turpe iacens mulier multo madefacta Lyaeo.

The end has been reached. Girls as well as boys are now in

Ovid's debt.

Lusus habet finem: cygnis descendere tempus,

duxerunt collo qui iuga nostra suo.

ness. citra, on this side, on the nearer side. citra quam:

sooner than. 'in this respect.'

758 cupio, -ere, -ivi (-ii), -itus, desire, wish. es: 2nd pers. sing. imperative of edo, eat (755). paulo, -us, m., minus:

little less. esse: present infinitive of edo (755).

759 Priamides, -ae, m., son of Priam (king of Troy); i.e., Paris.

Helene, -es (acc. -en), f., Helen (who eloped with Paris).

avide, eagerly, greedily. edentem: 755.

760 odi, odisse, hate, dislike, be displeased, be vexed, stultus, -a, -um, foolish, silly. rapina, -ae, f., robbery, carrying off, elopement, prize, prey. Refers here either to Helen herself or to Paris' running off with her.

761 magis (adv.), more, rather. poto, -are, -avi, potatus & potus, drink.

762 Bacchus, -i, m., Bacchus (god of wine); wine. facis: 'you do' = 'you get along.'

763 Hoc quoque: the verb is lacking: '(But do) this too'; i.e., drink. quia: 'only to the extent that.' patiens, -entis, enduring, permitting, firm, steady, (clear). caput, -itis, n., head.

764 consto, -are, -stisti, -status, stand together, agree, stand firm, be steady. singuli, -ae, -a, single. bini, -ae, -a, two at a time, double.

765 turpe: neuter nominative after est understood: 'a repulsive object.' mulier, -eris, f., woman, wife. madefacio, -ere, -fecisti, -factus, moisten, soak, drench, intoxicate. Lyaeus, -i, m., Lyaeus ('the relaxer'), Bacchus, wine.

809 Iulus, -us, m., play, sport, game, fun. finis, -is, m., end. cygnus, -i, m., swan. Swans sometimes drew Venus' chariot, and apparently Ovid's, at least when he was writing about love. descendere, -ere, -di, -sus, come down (from), descend (from). tempus: supply est.

810 duco, -ere, duxi, ductus, led, draw, collum, -i, n., neck. lugum, -i, n., yoke, chariot. Plural for singular.

811 Ut quondam iuvenes, ita nunc, mea turba, puerilae  
inscribant spoliis 'NASO MAGISTER ERAT.'

811 ut . . . ita, as . . . so, quondam, once, formerly, turba,  
-ae, f., crowd, throng, mob, gang. In apposition here with  
puerilae.  
812 inscribo, -ere, -psi, -ptus, write on, inscribe on. spolium,  
-i<sup>n</sup>, n., spoil, booty. Naso, -onis, m.; family name (cognomen) of Publius Ovidius Naso, magister, -tri, m., master, teacher, instructor. --Cf. II, 74.

Cupid is perturbed on reading the title of this book, but Ovid reassures him. He affirms his continued loyalty, pointing out that he has always been in love and, as a matter of fact, still is. His purpose in writing this new work is simply to cut down the number of suicides caused by unrequited love. Convinced, Golden Love, with a wave of his jewelled wings, directs Ovid to proceed.

Legerat huius Amor titulum nomine libelli:

'Bella mihi, video, bella parantur' ait.  
'Parce tuum vatem sceleris dammare, Cupido,  
tradita qui totiens, te duce, signa tuli.'

Non ego Tydides, a quo tua saucia mater

in liquidum redidit aethera Martis equis.

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Saepe tepent alii iuvenes, ego semper amavi,  
et si, quid faciam nunc quoque, quaeris, amo.

Those who do not have the time or the inclination to read all of the *Remedia Amoris* included herein may find it advisable and more interesting to skip to line 291. --G.H.T.

- 1 titulus, -i, m., title. Ithellus, -i, m., (little) book.
- 2 bellum, -i, n., war. paro, -are, -avi, -atus, get ready, prepare, aio, say, assert.
- 3 parco, -ere, pepercii & parsi, spare, cease, refrain from (with Latin infinitive translated by English gerund). vates, -i<sup>s</sup>, m., f., prophet, poet. scelus, -eris, n., crime, wickedness, damno, -are, -avi, -atus (with gen. of the charge or crime), condemn, censure. Cupido, -inis, m., Cupid, god of love.
- 4 trado, -ere, tradidi, traditus, hand over, commit, entrust, son. totiens, so often, so many times. dux, duxis, m., f., leader, commander. signum, -i, n., sign, military standard, banner.
- 5 ego: supply sum. Tydides, -ae, m., son of Tydeus, i.e. Diomedes (who wounded Venus, mother of Cupid, during the Trojan War). a quo: with saucia, sauciis, -a, -um, wounded.
- 6 liquidus, -a, -um, liquid, clear, bright, limpid, pure. redeo, -ire, -ii, -itus, go back, return. aether, -eris (acc. -era), m., upper air, ether, heaven. Mars, Martis, m.: god of war and admirer of Venus; she borrowed his chariot after her escape from Diomedes.
- 7 topo, -ere, be lukewarm, be without ardor, be indifferent in love. alius, -a, -ud, another, other.

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