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## CHAPTER II.

### *Of the Origin of Rom'ulus.*

Q. How many sons had Pro'cus the king of the Lat'ins ?

A. Two ; Nu'mitor, and Amu'lius. To Nu'mitor, the elder, he left the crown ; to the other, his treasures.

Q. Did Nu'mitor succeed his father in the government of the Lat'ins ?

A. No ; Amu'lius, by means of his riches, supplanted his brother, and reigned in his stead.

Q. Had Nu'mitor any children ?

A. Yes ; he had several sons and one daughter ; but how many sons history does not inform us.

Q. What did Amu'lius towards the family of Nu'mitor to deprive them of all hopes of succeeding to the crown ?

A. Amu'lius caused his brother's sons to be put to death, and made his only daughter, Rhe'a Sil'via, a vestal virgin.

Q. What is a vestal virgin ?

A. A virgin consecrated to the service of Ves'ta, a heathen goddess.

Q. Did Rhe'a Sil'via always remain a virgin ?

A. No ; she gave birth to two male twins, which she attributed to Mars, the supposed god of war.

Q. How did Amu'lius act when he heard of it ?

A. Amu'lius ordered them to be thrown into the river Ti'ber, and herself to be cast into prison.

Q. What became of the children after they were thrown into the Ti'ber ?