prevented it, as : *me truncus illapsus cerebro sustulerat* (for *sustulisset*), *nisi Faunus ictum dextra levasset*, a trunk of a tree descending upon my brains had (would have) killed me, had not Faunus with his right hand lightened the blow. (Compare § 215, note 2.)

§ 208. The **future perfect** indicates that something will have taken place in future, when some other action will take place, as :

Romam quum venero, ad te scribam. When I shall have arrived at Rome, I will write to you.

Dum tu haec leges, ego illum fortasse convenero. While you will be reading this, I shall perhaps have met him.

NOTE.—This tense requires careful attention, because in English, perhaps on account of its clumsy formation, it is rarely used, the simple future or even the present being substituted for it. Thus, in the above example, we may say : when I arrive at Rome, I will write to you. The Latins, with a certain partiality for this tense, employ it frequently where the simple future might be expected : *hoc tu ipse rideris*, you will see this yourself ; *de Carthagine vereri non ante desinam, quam illam excisam esse cognovero*, I shall not cease to fear about Carthage, until I hear that it is destroyed.

§ 209. The indicative of any tense is used in **direct questions** both with and without interrogative pronouns and adverbs, as :

Quis hoc fecit ?	Who has done this ?
Quid tibi vis ?	What do you want ?
Ubi heri fuisti ?	Where were you yesterday ?
Ut valet ?	How is he ?
Thrax est Gallina Syro par ?	Is the Thracian Gallina a match for Syrus ?

When a direct question is asked without an interrogative pronoun or adverb, the interrogative character of the sentence is generally indicated by one of the particles *ne, num, utrum,* or *an,* with this distinction, that *ne,* which is appended to some word of the sentence, asks a simple question without any suggestion as to whether the answer is to be yes or no ; whereas a direct question introduced by *num* expects a negative answer, as :

Audistine eum loquentem ?	Have you heard him speaking ?
Num negare audes ?	Do you dare to deny it ?
Nonne vides ?	Do you not see ?
Canis nonne similis est lupo ?	Does a dog not resemble a wolf ?

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