

Of Figures.

There are certain figures which take place in the scanning and construction of verses, which it is therefore necessary to explain. These are

Synalæpha, Elîblipsis, Synæresis, Diæresis, Prostheſis, Epentheſis, Paragoge, Apbæresis, Syncope, Apocope, Anastrophe, and Tmesis.

Synalæpha, cuts off a vowel or diphthong, at the end of a word, when the next word begins with a vowel; and this prevents that disagreeable effect in pronunciation, which is in Latin called *Hiatus*. As

Deſeſſi aſpicimus ! quæ cauſa indigna ſerenos.
Virg.

In scanning thus,
Deſeſſi aſpicimus ! quæ cauſa indigna ſerenos.

The vowel sometimes keeps its place, at the end of a word, although the next begins with a vowel, eſpecially at the end of an interjection. As

*O Pater, O hominum, Divûmque æterna po-
teſtas.*

Virg.

Final vowels or diphthongs, in other words, when retained before a vowel become common. As

Inſulæ Ionio in magno, quas dira Celano.

Virg.

Elîblipsis