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..... *Venient annis*
Secula, seris, quibus Oceanus
Vincula rerum laxet et ingens
Pateat tellus, Tiphysque novos
Detegat orbes.———SENECA.

..... As roll the ages on,
His secrets Ocean shall unchain, and shew
New and stupendous worlds, new scenes and seats
Of arts and arms.

Parcere subjectis et debellare superbos.—VIRGIL.

To raise th'oppress'd, and bend the proud man's neck.

GIBBON, at the end of the 38th chapter of his History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, when speaking of the irruption of the Northern nations by which civilized Europe was overthrown, and taking occasion, with a fanciful species of anticipation, to consider what would be the effect of such a deluge of barbarians bursting forth in modern times, has this passage :

“ If a savage conqueror should issue from the deserts of Tartary, he must repeatedly vanquish the robust peasants of Russia, the numerous armies of Germany, the gallant nobles of France, and the intrepid freemen of Britain; who, perhaps, might confederate for their common defence. Should the victorious barbarians carry slavery and desolation as far as the Atlantic Ocean; ten thousand vessels would transport beyond their pursuit the remains of civilized society, and Europe would revive and flourish in the American world, which is already filled with her colonies and her institutions.”