

Ut manes, loculi, Penates,—Cumæ, thermæ,  
nugæ, grates;  
Arma, viscera, magalia,—Cum deum festis  
et Floralia.  
Lectitantibus apparent—Multa quæ plurali  
carent, etc.

And here is the rule for perfects and  
supines of verbs ending in co, go, ho,  
quo.

Co-go, ho-quo, sic declino: Xi perfecto,  
cum supino;  
Et duco duxi atque ductum, Sugo suxi atque  
suctum;  
Rego rexi atque rectum, Veho vexi atque  
vectum, etc.

To enliven what I fear must be a  
dry subject "to the general," I give  
now, as recalled by these octosyllabics,  
a few English memorial lines in the  
same metre. I take them from a  
work which by some means has in-  
truded itself into my group of Gram-  
mars. It styles itself "A New and  
Facetious Introduction to the Latin  
Tongue," with numerous illustrations,  
Charles Tilt, Fleet Street, 1840, sec-  
ond edition.

The section in the Prosody on the  
quantity of final syllables thus begins:

Oh! Muse, thine aid afford to me; Inspire  
my ideality;  
Thou who benign in days of yore, Did  
heavenly inspiration pour  
On him who, luckily for us, Sang Propria  
quæ maribus;  
Teach me to sound on quivering lyre, Pros-  
odial strains in notes of fire;  
Words' ends shall be my theme sublime, Now  
first descanted on in rhyme.

He then proceeds to versify num-  
erous rules in prosody: I select again  
at random, I take what is said, truly

enough, about words that end in b,  
d, t, and c.

Some terminate in b, d, t: All these are  
short, but those in c  
Form toes—I mean form ends of feet, As  
long—as long as Oxford Street.  
Though nec and donec, every bard Hath  
written short as Hanway Yard;  
Fac, hic and hoc are common, though The  
ablative is long, you know.

Then in regard to those which end  
in r, we have the Latin use thus laid  
down.

If r should chance a word to wind up, 'Tis  
short in general, make your mind up.  
But far, lar, nar, and vur ana fur, Par, com-  
par, impar, dispar, cur,  
As long must needs be cited here, With  
words from Greek that end in er;  
Though 'mong the Latins from this fate are  
These two exempted, pater, mater.  
Short in the final er we state 'em, Namely,  
auctoritate vatûm.

Some awkwardnesses might attend  
the introduction of such rules as these  
in our Grammar Schools; and the  
disciples of Lily pure and simple, or  
Ruddiman pure and simple, would  
probably pronounce them not bracing  
enough for educational purposes. It  
would be feared too, perhaps, that the  
impressions left by them might be  
evanescent; that "lightly come, lightly  
go," might have to be written of them  
hereafter. They would, however,  
certainly have the effect of exciting  
an abnormal interest in Latin Gram-  
mar. And the reason, we know, why  
so little profit often accrued to lads  
from their Latin in former days was,  
that no genuine personal interest in  
the subject was ever roused and es-  
tablished in their minds.

(To be continued.)