

A. Providentially, the Ti'ber overflowed its banks, so that, when the waters subsided, it left the vessel in which the infants were exposed, on dry ground; they were immediately discovered by Faus'tulus, the king's shepherd, who took them home to his wife Lauren'tia to nurse; and they were brought up by them as their own children.

Q. By what names were these twins known?

A. By Rom'ulus and Re'mus, who, when they were grown up, confined themselves to the shepherds' life for some time; but as soon as they discovered that they were sprung from a nobler origin, they discontinued the shepherds' habits, and took to hunting; they also attacked the robbers of their country, whom they stripped of their plunder, and divided it among the common people.

Q. What befel Re'mus in one of these hunting parties?

A. He was taken and brought before Amu'lius, and charged with having carried off plunder from the lands of Nu'mitor, to whom he was given over to be punished; but the critical situation in which Re'mus was placed caused Faus'tulus to make a discovery to Nu'mitor of the secret of their birth.

Q. What followed this discovery?

A. A conspiracy against Amu'lius, who was slain, and Nu'mitor was restored to the throne; he reigned two years, and with him fell the Lat'in power, which was followed by that of the Romans, whose first king was Rom'ulus.

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