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## METRA HORATIANA

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## ARRANGED ON A NEW AND SIMPLIFIED PLAN.

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"Scandere qui nescis, versiculos laceras." Claudian. Epig. 28.

BURLINGTON, Vt. CHAUNCEY GOODRICH.
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## PREFACE.

In bringing this little work before the public, the author has chiefly in view the advancement of his own pupils. For this system of arranging the Metres in which the Venusian bard has written, he is mainly indebted to the Reverend James Charnock, M. A., Fellow of University College, Oxford, and Head Master of the Bishopton Close School, Yorkshire.; in a due appreciation of whose valuable instruction, he trusts he will never be found wanting.

Whatever will be instrumental in simplifying a subject on which so many and various opinions have been entertained, cannot be deemed a superfluous publication; and to the mind of an enlightened Scholar, the very idea of setting all metrical rules at defiance; is too barbarous to need any comment.

Quebec, Sept. 11th, 1838.

## CHAPTERI.

## On the Feet.

§ 1. The term foot, as used in poetry, is taken metaphorically from dancing, where the foot is raised in slow or quick time, which is imitated in Metre by long or short quantity.
$\alpha$. There are four kinds of dissyllabic feet.

1. The Pyrrhic, composed of two short syllables, as Děŭs.

The name is derived from the famous Pyrrhic dance, which was performed to a quick and lively measure.
2. The Spondee is composed of two long syllables, as āudāx.
 the formula of the sacred rites, on account of its solemn and majestic sound.
3. The 'Iambus has its first syllable short, its last long, as těnäx.

It is so named from the word lám $\pi \omega$, to abuse; for Archilochus, the inventor of Iambic metre, applied it

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te severe satire, and by Iambic is sometimes meant satirical verses. 1
4. The Trochee (the converse of the Iambus,) has its first syllable long, and its last Short, as mēnsă.

It is so named from Thé Ew , to run. Others call it a Chorec, from its being used in the chorus and dance. $\beta$. Trisyllabic feet are of eight kinds.

1. The Tribrach, as lĕgitĕ, so called from its quan. tity.

The Molossus, mirāri, named from the Molossi, a people of Epirus, who patronized it.
3. The Dactyl, ōmniă. $\Delta \dot{\alpha} x \neq u \lambda o s$, a finger, gives the name to this foot; for the finger is made of one long and two short joints, as the dactyl of one long and two short syllables.
4. The Anapaest, dŏmini, from divaraisu, because the foot is struck in contrary measure to the dactyl.
5. The Bacchic, 厄̌gēstās, used in Dithyrambic hymns in honor of Bacclus.
6. The Antibacchic or Palimbacchic, is the converse of the Bacchic, cāntārĕ.

[^1]7. The Cretic, cāstutās. It was either invented or much used by the Cretans.
8. The Amphibrach, ămäreĕ. It was also called Scolius, from its use in Scolia, catches or drinking songs.
$\gamma$. Tetrasyllabic or compound feet ${ }^{1}$ are of sixteen kinds.

1. The Proceleusmatic, composed of two Pyrrhics, as höminilbŭs. It is so called from $x^{[2} \lambda \varepsilon v \sigma \mu a$, the word of command given to sailors and soldiers, probably in double quick time.
2. The Dispondec, ītērrūmpēns, composed of two Spondees.
3. The Choriambus, interrimēns, composed of a Choree and lambus.
4. The Antispastus, inārdēscit, of an lambus and a Choree. It is so called from duvionadios, "drawn in a contrary' direction," i. e. to the Choriambus.
5. The Diiambus, or Iambic syzygy, ămænitās, composed of $t$ wo Iambi.
6. The Ditrochee, or Trochaic syzygy, cōmpröbāré, composed of two Trochees.
7. The lonic à majore, cäntäbïmŭs, composed of a Spondee and a Pyrrhic. It was a favorite foot of the lonians, and is called à majore, from its beginning with long syllables.

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8. The Ionic à minore, gěnérösi, composed of a Pyrrhic and a spondee. It was called à minore from its beginning with short syllables.
The Epitrite is of four kinds.' The origin of the name is doubtful ; grammarians say it is so called because it has three constant long syllables, and rpirov, " a third short one," $\frac{\text { a } \pi \text {, " "in addition to these." }}{}$
9. First Epitrite, sălütāntês, composed of an Iambus and a Spondee.
10. Sccond Epitrite, cōmpröbābānt, of a Trochee and a Spondec.
11. Third Epitrite, dēpōnērēs, of a Spondee and an Iambus.
12. Fourth Epitrite, incāntaré, of a Spondee and Trochee.
The Pron is also of four kinds. It is so named from its introduction into Pæonic hymns.
13. First Paon, cōnficerré, of a Trochee and Pyrrhic.
14. Second Paon, pōēticŭs, of an Iambus and Pyrrhic.
15. Third Proon, mănifêstŭs, of a Pyrrhic and Trochee.
16. Fourth Paon, cêleritās, of a Pyrrhic and lainbus.
d. Of Quinquesyllabic feet there is only one kind: viz, the Dochmius, děerräverrànt, composed of an Iamıbus and a Cretic.

By the arrangement of feet according to certain laws, a verse is produced ; and the art of arranging them is called scanning, from scando, to climb.
'The only metrical leet used by Horace are the Iambus, Trochee, Spandee, Dactyl, Anapæst, Bacchius, Choriambus, Antispastus, Ionic à minore, Second and Fourth Epitrites.
$\oint$ 2. There are terms belonging to the complete or incomplete state of a verse that require explanation.

A verse is called Acatalectic, when no syllable is redundant or defective.

Catalectic, when it is deficient by a syllable.
Brachycatalectic, when a whole foot is wanted to emplete it.

Hypercatalectic, when it has one or two syllables more than the metre requires.

A Metre generally signifies a combination of two feet ; except in Dactylic, verse, and in the verses composed of double or compound feet, when one foot constitutes a metre.

A Monometer is a verse consisting of one metre, Dimeter of two, Trimeter of three, Tetrameter of four, Pentameter of five, Hexameter of six, Heptameter of seven.

Verses are also named from the inventor of them, and sometimes from the names of those Poets who were most in the habit of composing in them : thus
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## CHAPTERII.

§ 1. The different kinds of verse used by Horace are twenty.

Of Antispastic ${ }^{1}$ there are four kinds.

1. The Dimeter Catalectic, composed of the fourth Epritrite and a Bacchius, as,

Grâtu P̄̄y rrhà | sŭb antrō : called Pherecratian.
2. The Dimeter Acatalectic, composed of the Epitrite and a Diiambus, as

Sic tẽ Dīvă | pơtens Čy prì: Glyconic.
3. The Trimeter Acatalectic, composed of the fourth Epitrite, an Antispastus, and a Diiambus, as

4. The Tetrameter Acatalectic, composed of the fourth Epitrite, two Antispasti, and a Diiambus, as
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§ 2. Of Choriambic verse there are four kinds.

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1. The Monometer Hypercatalcctic, composed of a Choriambus and a redundant syllable, as, Tèrrừt ū̀! : Adonic.
2. The Dimeter Catalectic, composed of a Choriambus and a Bacchius, as,

Ly̆ dĭă dīc |. pěr ōmnës: Aristophanic.
3. the Trimeter Catalectic, composed of the second Epitrite, a Choriambus and a Bacchius, as,

Jâm sătīs têr|rīs nĭvǐs ât|quĕ dirræ: Sapphic.
4. The Tetrameter Catalectic, composed of the second Epitrite, two Choriambi and a Bacchius, as,

Tē Děōs ō|rō Sy̆bărīn | cūr prơpěrēs |ămãndō: Sapphic.
§ 3. Of Iambic verse there are four kinds.

1. The Dimeter Acatalectic, composed of four feet, properly all lambi, as,

Pĕrūn|xǐt hōc | Ià|sŏnēm: Archilochian.
It admits, however, of considerable variations, and Horace much more frequently employs a Spondee than any other foot in the third place.

The scale of this metre is as follows:


The following lines from the Epodes will illustrate the scale :

> Vǐdē|rě prọ̆ě|rāntēs | dōmūm |
> Cănĭdĭ|ă träc|tāvīt | dăpēs |
> Cānĭdū|ă rō|dēns pōll|ĭcēm |
2. The ${ }^{1}$ Dimeter Hypercatalectic, which is the Dimeter Acatalectic with a redundant syllable, as, Rědē|ğt ād | vērōs | tĭmō|rēs : Archilochian.
3. The Trimeter Acatalectic, (or Senarius,) consists of six feet, which are properly all pure Iambi.

The pure Iambic, however, is rarely found ; and in order to give the verse more weight, the ${ }^{2}$ Spondee was admitted into the odd places, viz. 1st, 3d, and 5th, and for the Iambus, the Tribrach is sometimes substituted, in every place except the last. In place of a Spondee was substituted a Dactyl or an Anapæst.

The scale of the Senarius is as follows:


1 In this kind of verse Horace always has the third foot a Spondee; for the line which, in the common editions, runs thus: Disjēc|tā nōn | lĕvī | rŭī|nā |is more correctly read with lēnī in the place of lèvi.

Tardior ut paulò graviorque veniret ad aures Spondeos stabilos in jura paterna recepit."

Hor. Epis. ad Pisones, 254.

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The Trimeter Catalectic is the Senarius, wanting the final syllable. It consists of five feet, properly all Iambi, followed by a Catalectic syllable, as,

Vōcā|tŭs, ât|quĕ nōn | mơrā|tŭs, ãu|dit : Archilochian.
Like the common Trimeter, it admits the Spondee into the first and third places; but not into the fifth; which would render the verses too heavy and prosaic.
§ 4. Of Dactylic verse there are three kinds.

1. The Hexameter Acatalectic consists of six feet; the four first being Dactyls or Spondees, the fifth a Dactyl, and the sixth a Spondee; as,

Sometimes, however, in solemn, majestic, or mournful descriptions, or in expressing terror or astonishment, a Spondee is admitted into the fifth foot, and the verse is then called Spondaic.
2. The Tetrameter Acatalectic consists of four feet; the two first being Dactyls or Spondees, the third a Dactyl and the fourth a Spondee, as

Aüt Ephě|sưm, bĭma|rīsvě Cô|rīnthī: Heroic.
Sometimes, as in the Hexameter, a Spondee occupies the third place, in which case the preceding foot should be a Dactyl ; as,
$M_{\text {ènsö|rèm cơhĭ|bēnt }}$ Ar|chȳtà|
3. The Trimeter Catalectic consits of the first two feet and a half of a Hexameter; as,

Arbưrĭ|busqữe cǒ|mæ: Archilochian.

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§ 5. Of Trochaic verse there is only one kind, viz.
The Dimeter Catalcctic, consisting of three feet, properly all Trochees, and a Catalectic syllable; as, Nōn ébbür ně|que āurě|üm: Euripidean:
The Spondee and Dactyl are sometimes admitted into the second place.
\$6. Of Ionic à minore verse, there is one kind; viz. The Tetrameter Acatalectic, consisting of four feet, all Ionics à minore; as,
Mísěrārūn est| nĕque ămōrī | dărĕ lưdûm | nĕquáe dūlcī: Stoadic.
The $\sigma u v_{\alpha} \varphi s i \alpha$, or continuous scansion, prevails in this kind of verse; i. e. the last syllable of each verse is not common, but has its quantity subject to the same restrictions as if the foot to which it belongs occurred in any other place of the verse. The other kinds of verse in which the бuvúqzi $\alpha$ exists, are Dimeter Iambics, Dactylic Tetrameters, and Dimeter Anapestics. The credit of the discovery of this peculiarity is due to Bentley.
§ 7. Of verses called Asynartetes (íouváprriou) or those which belong partly to one kind of metre and partly to another, there are three kinds.

1. The Archilochian Heptameter, consisting of two numbers, the first being a Dactylic Tetrameter ${ }^{1} \dot{a}$ priore, the latter a Trochaic Dimeter Brachycatalectic; as,

2. The Greater Alcaic, consisting of an Iambic
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Monometer Hypercatalectic, and a Dactylic Dimeter Acatalectic ; as,

Vĭdēs | ŭt âl|tả || stêt nĭvě | cāndĭdŭm: Alcaic.
3. The Lesser Alcaic, called also Pindaric, consisting of a Dactylic Dimeter Acatalectic, and a Trochaic Monometer Acatalectic ; as,

This kind of verse is called also Logoædicus. ${ }^{1}$
parte versus Hexametri) and must always have the fourth foot a Dactyl. It is opposed to the Tetrameter à posteriore, which is always taken from the latter part of a Dactylic Hexameter.
$1^{\prime \prime}$ Appellatio nide ducta, quòd hoc genus numeri medium inter poeticam et prosam orationem viderctur.'
G. Hermanu de Metris.

## CHAPTER III.

§ 1. Having reviewed the several kinds of Horatian verse individually, I now proceed to notice the beautiful variety they are capable of in Carmine; i. e. in composition. For by Carmen we are not to understand a single verse, but a poem, whether it is an Epigram, Ode, Epistle, or any other variety of metrical composition. When only one kind of verse is ea. ployed throughout an Ode, it is called Monocolos, ( $\mathrm{m}_{\text {ivowǜiov) when several kinds, Polycolos; or more }}$ precisely, if there are two sorts of verse in an Ode, it is stiled Dicolos; if there are three, Tricolos.

When the Stanza or Strophe is composed of two verses, it denominates the Ode Distrophos; ( $\delta$ is and arp $\varepsilon \rho \omega)$ when of three, Tristrophos; when of four, Tetrastrophos; beyond which the Latin Stanza should not go, Catullus alone having written one of five, viz. " Julia et Manlii Epithalamium."
By a complex use of these terms, the Ode is Dicolos Distrophos, when in a Stanza, there are two verses of different kinds; it is Dicolos Tristrophos when the

Stanza contains thxe verses, but of only two kinds, one kind of verse being twice used ; Dicolos Tetrastrephos, when the Stanza has four verses, but of only two kinds, one kind being used thrice.

Again, the Ode is I'ricolos T'ristrophos when the Stanza consists of three verses, all of different kinds; and Tricolos 'Tetrastrophos, when, in the Stanza, there are four verses, but of only three kinds, one kind being used twice.
§ 2. The various forms in which Horace has employed the ahove metres, either separate or in conjunction, are twenty.

1. Monocolos, composed of the Antispastic Trimeter Acatalectic throughout ; as, Mãccēnãs ă|tănis êdiltě rêgĭbus.
2. Dicolos ''etrastrophos, composed of three Catalectic Choriambic 'Trimpters and one Choriambic Monometer Hypercatalectic; as,

Jãm sătīs tēr|rīs nĭvĭs āt|quě díraē.
Grānd'ïnis mísīt pătěr, ēt | rŭbēntē.
Dêxtěrā sā|erâs jăcŭlātlăs ârcēs.
Tērrŭĭt ūr|bëm.
3. Dicolos Distrophos, composed of one Antispastic Dimeter Acatalectic and one Antispastic Trimeter Acatalectic ; as,

Sĩc tē Dīvă | pưtēns Čy prí.
Sićc frätrês Héllĕnaē, lācíd|ă sīděrã.
4. Dicolos Distrophos composed of one Archilo2*
chian Heptametcr (Asynartete) and one Iambic Trimeter Catalectic ; as,
 Trăhunı|quĕ sīe|cūs mä|chĭnuê | ourrī|nās.
5. Tricolos Tetrastrophos, composed of two Acatalcetic Antispastic Trimeters, one Antispastic Dimcter Catalectic, and one Antispastic Dimeter Acaialectic: as,

Quīs mưlıà grax|călīs té pǔ|ĕr in rŏsĩ
l'èrfùsus lă|quĭdīs ūrgèt / òdōrībūs
Grảtō l'ȳrrlıă | sǔb āntrō
Cuā flā vām rě|lĭgāscǒmăm.
6. Dicolos Tetrastrophos, composed of three Acatalectic Antispastic Trimeter's and one Antispastic Dimeter Acatalectic ; as,

Scrī̀érīs Vă|rio fơrtĭs \| ĕt hōstĭūm


Mïlēs, tē dŭ|cè, gẽssëritt.
7. Dicolos Distrophos, composed of one Dactylic Hexameter Acatalcctic, and one Dactylic Tetrameter a posteriore; as,
 Aūt Ephĕ|sūm, břmă|risvĕ Cö|rīnthí.
8. Dicolos Distrophos, composed of one Choriambic Dimeter Catalectic, and one Choriamlic Tetrametcr Catalectic ; as,

Lȳď̌̆ dīc | pěr ōmnês,

9. Tricolos Tetrastrophos, composed of two greater Alcaics, (Asynartetes,) one Iambic Dimeter Hypercatalectic, and one lesser Alcaic, (Asynartete; ) as,

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10. Monocolos, composed of the Antispastic Tetrameter Acatalectic throughout; as,

11. Dicolos Distrophos, composed of one Trochaic Dimeter Catalectıc, and one Iambic Trimeier Catalectic ; as,

Nōn ếbùr ně|que āurě|ūm.
Měa | rěnī|dét īn | dǒmō |lăcū|nãr.
12. Monocolos, composed of the Icnic a minore Tetrameter Acatalectic throughout; as,

Mrsě̌rārum ēst | nĕque ămōrī | dărč̃ lūdūm |nĕqŭe dūlcic.
13. Dicolos Distrophos, composed of one Dactylic Tloxametor Acatalectic, and one Dactylic Dimeter Hypercatalectic ; as,
Arbŭrī|būsqŭe cô|maė.
14. Dicolos Distrophos, composed of one Iambic Trimeter Acatalectic, and one Iumbic Dimeter Acatalectic; as,
 Amâ|cé prö|pūgràa|cŭlà.
15. Tricolos Tristrophos, composed of one Dac-
tylic Hexameter Acatalcctic, one Iambic Dimeter Acatalectic, and one Dactylic Dimeter Hypercatalectic ; as,

 Nünc mărạ̛ | mūne sĭlü|nē.
16. Dicolos Distrophos, composed of one Dactylic Hexameter Acatalectic, and one Icmbic Dimeter Acatalectic ; as,


17. Dicolos Distrophos, composed of one Dactylic Hexameter Acatalectic, and one Iambic Trimeter Acatalectic ; as,
 Sŭis | ět īl|
18. Monocolos, composed of the Iambic Trimeter Acatalectic throughout; as,

19. Tricolos T'ristrophos, composed of one Iambic Trimeter Acatalectic, one Dactylic Dimetcr Hypercatalectic, and one Iambic Dimeter Acatalectic ; as,


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Amō|rĕ pēr|cūlsūn | grăvi
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[^0]:    1 "Syilaba longa brevi subjecta vocatur Iambus Pes citus." Horace Epis. ad Pisones, 251.

[^1]:    1.4.6) matre pulehri :filia pulchrior, Quem criminosis cunque voles modum Dones Iambis." Hisrace Od. Lib. 1. 16.
    "Archilochum proprio rabies armavit Iambo."Hor. Epis, ad Pisones, 79 -

    Lennep makes it the same with 'iapos, and deduces this lant from 'ice", the same as 'i("," to throw at."

[^2]:    1" Quidquid enim suprà tres syllabas habet, id est pluribus ex pedibus." Quintilian, 9. 4.

[^3]:    1 The Acatalectic Antispastic verses always begin with tho fourth Epitrite, and end with the Diiambus; and all the feet between are pure Antispasti.

[^4]:    1 The term "d priore" refers to the verse being considered as taken from the former part of a Dactylic Hexameter, (ia priore

