


## PROSODIA GR压A,

SIVE

## METRORUMGRACORUM

EXPOSITIO;

NECNON
DISSERTATIO, ANGLICE SCRIPTA,
DE USU DIGAMMA

## HOMERI CARMINIBUS;

ET
regulis hexametri ejusdem precipuls :

CUI ADJICITUR
LIBER PRIMUS ILIADIS,
cuas
NOTIS.

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## PROSODIA GRECA.

PRosodia est ea Grammaticæ pars, que syllabarum quantitates, versuumque pangendorum artem precipue tradit.*

## I.

De Quantitate ancipitum vocalium in ultimis syllabis.

## I. De Ancipite A.



## Exceptiones.



- in $\rho^{\alpha}$ plerumque, diphthongo non præcedente, ut $\pi \dot{g} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}$



[^0]2．Nomina in cse a verbis in siv，ut $\pi \rho \circ \phi n \pi \epsilon^{\prime} \Omega$, ，vaticinatio， $\beta \times \sigma t \lambda$＇t $\alpha$, regnum，at $\alpha$ in $\beta \omega \sigma i \lambda c+\alpha$ ，regina，brevis est．

4．Polysyllaba in cıa ；ut «є
5．Vocativus nominum in as primæ declinationis ；ut $\mathfrak{\omega}$ Aivésos： et vocativus poeticus tertiæ，ut חо $\quad$ v $\delta \alpha^{\prime} \mu \mu$ ．

6．Articulus fœmin．dualis primæ declin．ut $\tau \grave{\alpha} \mu \not{\delta} \delta \alpha$ ．
7．Doricum es genitivi；ut，$\beta$ soǵa，pro $\beta$ 人oǵzo
8．Attici accusativum nominum in sos plerumque producunt，

－2．$A y$ in fine．
 $\mu_{\varepsilon}^{\prime} \lambda \mu \nu$, \＆cc．

Exceptiones．
1．Accusativus primæ declinationis cujus nominativus pro－ ducitur；ut，Aivecìv，$\varphi$ i $\lambda_{i c a v}^{\prime}$
 gar，\＆c．

3．Nomina mascul．in $\alpha y$ ；ut，T $\boldsymbol{\text { cù̀̀ }}$ 。
T1 3．$A_{\rho}$ in fine．

Excipe monosyllaba in $\alpha_{\rho}$ ；ut，rò $\rho_{\rho}$ ，廿ù．g．

## すा 4．As in fine．

 accusat．pluralis primæ declin．ut aiъ兀ัร．－Wide Theocrit．Idyll． 3．7．2．et 3.

Exceptiones．
 quibus adde $\frac{\alpha}{2}$ articuli．
 той́ras, quibus adde $\tau \alpha \alpha_{\lambda \alpha}$.
 adde «гдंs.

## II. De Ancipite I.

 ©̀тt, \&c.

Excipe nomina literarum, ut, $\pi \tilde{\pi}$, $\xi \tilde{\xi}$, et syllaba re乞̃; quibus
 bet ; correptum.
f 1. 'In in fine.

Hinc tamen excipe $\dot{\text { ju }} \boldsymbol{i v}$ et $\mathrm{i} \mu \tilde{i}$ cum circumflexo; tiv Dorice, pro ซoi. $\delta \Sigma \lambda \varphi i v$, zuzziv, piv.

If 2. ' ${ }_{5}{ }_{5}$ in fine.

Excipe nomina monosyllabica, et quæ duas terminationes nos minativi habent; ut, 火is, $\lambda i s$; üxuis, $\delta_{\varepsilon \lambda} \lambda i s$. Quibus adde nomina


## III. De-Ancipite $\mathrm{Y}_{0}$


Excipe tertiam imperfecti et aoristi secundi verborum in $\mu /$;
 reṽ, et ävtruciv.

[^1]If 1. $r_{\nu}$ in fine.
$X_{y}$ plerumque corripitur; ut, §ยvyvìv, vìv conjunctio, $\beta a g \grave{\nu} v, \& c$. Excipe nomina quæ duas terminationes habent; ut, $\varphi^{\prime}{ }_{\mathrm{o}} \mathrm{grvv}$
 adde primam singul. indicat. aorist. secund. verborum in $\mu ;$; ut,


T1 2. $r_{\rho}$ in fine.
$\Upsilon_{\varrho}$ finale producitur, ut, $\pi \tilde{\nu}_{\varrho}$, ignis.
बा 3. $x_{5}$ in fine.


1. Excipe oxytona et circumflexa quæ os purum genitivỉ
 ut, $\varphi_{\dot{g}}{ }^{\prime}$ ves, \&c.
2. Excipe etiam monosyllaba; ut, $\mu \tilde{v}_{5}, \sigma \tilde{\nu}_{5}$, et terminatione§


## II.

## De Incrementis Ancipitum.

## I. Incrementa in A.



 cum genitivum, ut, Aivérēo, Mzaciav.



## II. Incrementa in I .



1. Excipe nomina duarum terminationum; ut, $\delta$ sin $\varphi$ es -ivos,
 si弓, et тus.



## III. Incrementa in $Y$.

 $\pi \tilde{\nu}$, \&c.

Excipe ea quæ duas terminationes habent; ut, фogrvs, et甲ógжขy-ivos; quibus adde rógés -iros.

## III. <br> De Penultima Verborum.


Ancipites futuri primi a verbis in $\zeta \omega$ præsentis sunt breves;





Composita et derivata plerumque eandem cum primitivis quantitatem adsciscunt, ut, ripen, honor; ázipuos, inhonoratus; regiva, éxgivav.

A privativum breve est nisi in vocibus plusquam trisyllabis, omnes vocales breves habentibus; tunc apud Epicos producitur,



## IV. <br> De Positione.

1. Brevis vel anceps vocalis ante duas consonantes vel du -


2. In Heroico carmine brevis vel anceps vocalis ante mutam et liquidam plerumque producitur, *
3. In Tragicis vocalis initio vel in media vocis sæpius brevis est ante mutam et liquidam ; semper in fine, ut,

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Soph. CEdip. Tyr. } 1130 .
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Id. } 73 .
\end{aligned}
$$

4. Tragici aliquando vocalem ante $\mu \nu$ corripiunt; sic,

5. Vocalis brevis, secundam pedis partem terminans, ante $\hat{\rho}$ in vocis sequentis initio, apud poetas scenicos producitur; ut,


6. Comici vocalem brevem ante tenues $\pi, \pi, \tau$, et aspiratas $\varphi, \chi, \theta$, sequente quavis liquida, et ante consonantes medias $\beta, \gamma, \delta$, sequente $\dot{p}$, semper brevem servant. Dawes.
7. Comici et Tragici vocalem brevem ante consonantes medias, sequente quavis liquida, preter unicam $\hat{\rho}$, fere semper producunt. Id.
[^2]Euripides，ut ait Porsonus，ad Hecubam，1．302，syllabam ante $\beta \lambda, \gamma \lambda, \gamma \mu, \gamma^{\nu}, \delta_{\mu}, \delta \nu$, semper longam servat：Alii autem Poetæ scenici nonnunquam brevem reddunt．

8．Comparativa in cav desinentia Atticè penultimam produ－ cunt：Ionicè et Doricè corripiunt；ut，

－レッー－1－－ルレールールー1ー－1し v－1 Aristoph．Ran． 1009.

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## II．Vocalis et Diphthongus ante Vocalem．

1．Elisiones＊ad arbitrium poetarum plerumque factæ sunt． Sed vocalis s in otı nunquam a Comicis eliditur ；neque vocalis in dativo plurali a quovis poeta．

2．Diphthongus verborum vel participiorum solum apud sce－ nicos eliditur：hoc sæpe fit apud epicos；quibus elisio or pro－ nominum nonnunquam conceditur．

3，Apud Atticos poetas diphthongi of et at sæpe media in voce corripiuntur；ut，$\dagger$

Vide etiamk．13，435，537．Aristoph．Ran．1008－9，ut supra． Nub． 579.
ǐraió yóroso AEschyl．Supp．I． 381.
4．Diphthongi et et $\varepsilon v$ nunquam apud eosdem corripiuntur．
5．In Iambicis pariterque Trochaicis numeris vocalis longa aut diphthongus ante aliam vocalem vel diphthongum，vocem incipientem，nunquam corripitur．

[^3]
## III. De Contractione.*

1. Omnis syllaba ex contractione longa fit.

2. Duæ longæ vocales nonnunquam in unam longam contrahuntur; sic,
ỳ ơx ö̀ dsc. Hom. Il. 5. 349.
3. Brevis et longa in unam longam; ut, $\pi \lambda \varepsilon \omega \nu \dot{\varepsilon} \pi \sigma$ oivo $\pi \omega$ สóvzov.

Odyss. 1. 183.

Vide etiam Soph. ©Edip. Tyr. 630.
4. Apud Epicos et Bucolicos, brevis et longa in unam brevem ante vocalem, vocem incipientem, contrahuntur $; \dagger$ sic,

5. Brevis et diphthongus in unam longam; ut,

Vide Soph. GEdip. Tyr. 1. 640.
6. Duæ breves in unam longam; ut,

Vide Eurip. Orest. 393.
7. Apud Atticos articulus cum a brevi semper in $\alpha$ longam coalescit; ut,


[^4] tas, in unam syllabam coalescunt; ut,


Vide Aristoph. Ran. 68.

 faciunt; ut,



हुyò oux ${ }^{\prime \prime}$
Aristoph. Lysist. 284. vide etiam 273.








## Figurae Dictionis.

Prosthesis apponit capiti, sed apharesis aufert.
Syncopa de medio tollit, sed epenthesis addit.
Abstrahit apocope fine, sed dat paragoge.
Constringit crasis, distracta dieresis effert.
Litera si legitur transposta metathesis exit,
Antithesin dices tibi litera si varietur.
Ruddiman.

## V． <br> De Pedibus．

Pes est nexus duarum pluriumve syllabarum，cujus tempora＊ sunt vel eadem vel diversa．

Pedes sunt vel simplices，ut dissyllabi et trissyllabi；vel com－ positi，ut tetrasyllabi．

## Pedes Dissyllabi sunt quatuor．

1．Pyrrhichius constat ex duabus syllabis brevibus $\cup \mathrm{c}$, ut， © ยัธ̆。

3．Iambus，ex brevi et longa，$u-$ ；ut，$\gamma^{\check{s} \lambda} \bar{\omega} \omega_{5}$ ．
4．Trochaus，ex longa et brevi，－u；ut，бஸ̈ццй。

## Pedes Trisyllabi sunt octo．

1．Dactylus constat ex longa et duabus brevibus，-u ；ut，





6．Amphimacer，seu creticus，ex longa，brevi et longa，－u－；

7．Bacchius，ex brevi et duabus longis，u－－；ut，火ö้̃̄


[^5]Pedes Tetrasyllabi sunt sedecim, et ita ordinantur.

## I.

1. Choriambus, ex longa, duabus brevibus et longa, seu troa

2. Antispastus, ex brevi, duabus longis et brevi, seu iambo

3. Ionicus a majore, ex duabus longis et totidem brevibus,

4. Ionicus a minore, ex duabus brevibus et totidem longis,


## II.

1. Paon primus, ex longa et tribus brevibus, seu trochæo et

2. Pcon secundus, ex brevi, longa et duabus brevibus, seu

3. Paon tertius, ex duabus brevibus, longa et brevi, seu pyr-

4. Peoon quartus, ex tribus brevibus et longa, seu pyrrhic. et


## III.

1. Epitritus primus, ex brevi et tribus longis, sive iambo et

2. Epitritus secundus, ex longa, brevi et duabus longis, seu

3. Epitritus tertius, ex duabus longis, brevi et longa, seu

4. Epitritus quartus, ex tribus longis et brevi, seu spondæa et trochæo, - - - v; ut, $\varphi$ wَv $\bar{y} \sigma \tilde{\alpha} \sigma \check{\alpha}_{0}$

His adjungantur quatuor sequentia quæ minus in usu sunt:

1. Proceleusmaticus, ex quatuor brevibus, seu duobus pyr-


2. Diiambus, ex brevi, longa, brevi et longa, u-u-; ut,

3. Dichorcus, sive duobus trochæis, $-\cup-\cup$; ut, Āex

## VI. <br> De Metris.*

- Metrum proprie constat ex duobus pedibus, quia in scenicis spectaculis tibicen, qui rythmum et tenpus moderabatur, solum pede uno ictu percutiebat, dum actor duos pedes pronuntiabat.

Accidunt unicuique pedi sublatio, quæ arsis dicitur, et zositio quæ thesis.-"In unaquaque parte orationis," ait Priscianus, "arsis et thesis necessarix sunt, non in ordine syllabarum, sed ${ }^{6}$ in pronunciatione, velut in hac parte, natura; ut quando dico " natu, elevatur vox, et est arsis in $t u$; quando vero ra, de" primitur vox, et est thesis."-Hoc præmisso, haud iniquum eritDawesii canonem in usum Tironum recensere, scil.- 'r In metris, "Iambicis, Iambi, Spondæi et Anapæsti in ultimam, Tribrachi " et Dactyli in mediam: In Trochaicis, pedis cujusque in pri" mam: In Anapasticis, Anapæsti et Spondæi in ulimam,

[^6]"dactyli et proceleusmatici in peniltinam, ictus cadit."-Vide Miscell. Crit. § v. Vide etiam Hermannus de Metris, 'p. 16, et seq.
Metrorum sunt precipue novem genera, quæ nomina sortiuntur ex-pede sibi proprio vel qui in unoquoque maxime invalescit. Scil. 1. Iambicum, 2. Trochaicum, 3. Anapasticum, 4. Dactylicum, 5. Choriambicum, 6. Antispasticum, 7. Ionicum a majore, 8. Ionicum a minore, 9. Paonicum.
Ex numero metrorum, seu duorum pedum, in quocunque versu, metrum nominatur, vel Monometrum, ex uno metro vel duobus pedibus constans; Dimetrum, ex duobus metris vel quatuor pedibus; Trimetrum, quod etiam Senarium nuncupatur, ex tribus metris vel sex pedibus: Tetrametrum, ex quatuor metris, vel octo pedibus. Sunt alia quidem quæ per monopodiam, i. e. singulos pedes, mensuram habent, ut Pentametrum, ex quinque pedibus constans, et Hexametrum, ex sex: alia vero per Dipodiam, i. e. binos pedes, ut Iambica et Trochaica. Hæc dispositio pedum Syzygia etiam vocatur.

Duorum pedum conjunctio qui cum ordinibus haud cohærent Basis dicitur.

E dimensionis terminatione versus est vel Acatalectus, vel Catalectus, vel Brachycatalectus, vel Hypercatalectus.

1. Acatalectus est cui nihil aut deest aut superest, præter justam pedum mensuram; ut in hoc Iambico,



Soph. Aj.
2. Catalectus est cui deest in fine syllaba; ut in hoc Trochaico,

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\dot{\omega} \sigma \tau^{\circ} \text { gy }
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3. Brachycatalectus est cui totus pes in fine deest; ut,

4. Hypercatalectus est, cui una vel duæ syllabæ supra justam mensuram abundant; ut in hoc Dactylico,

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\text { Soph. Aj. } 224 .
$$

Ultima syllaba versus communis est nisi in Anapæstico, et in Iambicis et Trochaicis Dimetris.

## De Casura.

Cæsura est cum post perfectum pedem superest syllaba vocem finiens.

Cæsuræ species sunt quatuor: 1. Triemimeris, cum post primum pedem seu duos semipedes relinquitur syllaba vocem finiens. 2. Penthemimeris, cum post duos pedes, seu quatuor semipedes, relinquitur syllaba. 3. Hephthemineris, cum post tres pedes, seu sex semipedes relinquitur syllaba. 4. Ennemimeris, cum post quatuor pedes, seu octo semipedes relinquitur syllaba.

Hic loci opportunum est observationes Dawesii de pedibus
 " eruditi tota via errâsse qui pedes in universum iooxǵorss sive " ${ }^{\text {iroodvý}} \mu$ es statuerint, quorum tota quantitas sit æqualis. Con" tra enim mihi persuasum est illos duntaxat pedes a veteribus " tanquam iroxéorss haberi solitos, qui in singulas itidem partes " temporibus æquales secari possent, ita scilicet ut singulis " longis vel singulæ itidem longæ, vel certe binæ breves re"s sponderent. En tibi pedum exempla cum iroxgévay tum éys" $\quad$ oxpévar.


" Habes utique linearum secantium A B C, utravis ex parte " tempora non nisi æqualia, reliquarum vero D et E non nisi " inæqualia. Percipis jam rationem decantati illius, o reoxaĩos
 " in iambico vicissim trochæus nusquam locum habeat."" Hinc etiam ratio elucescit cur amphibrachyn spondæo, adeo-
 " pes iste in versu neque anapæstico, neque trochaico, nec " denique iambico conspiciatur."-" Est utique luce clarius, * si totam pedum quantitatem spectes, trochæo iambum, spon" dæo, adeoque dactylo etiam atque anapæsto amphibrachyn " esse iroò̀vapoov."—Vide Miscell. Crit. p. 65.

His addere licet tabulam solutionum et contractionum in usia tatissimis numeris, ex Hermanni judicio.-Vide p. 36.

| Troch. | Dactyl. | Pcon 1. |
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| -u | -uo | ¢ouo |
| ou | iuvu | $\therefore \text { uvou }$ |
|  | vo- | $\therefore$ |
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| Iamb. | Anapast. | Paon 4. |
| $\therefore$ | uv- | uou - |
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## I. De Metro Iambico.

## ๆ 1. De Iambico Trimetro sive Senario.

1. Iambicus Trimeter, sex constans pedibus, apud Tragicos scriptores omnibus in locis Iambum sumit; qui pes in omni prater ultimum loco in Tribrachyn dissecari potest.


Soph. Aj.
Tribrachys in 1mo,
$\ddot{\sim}$
2. Idem versus in locis imparibus, scil. 1mo, 3tio, et 5to, Spondæum admittit.
3. Hunc Spondæum in 1 mo loco, vel in Dactylum, vel in Anapæstum, Tragici dissecabant; in 3 tio loco, tantum in Dactylum; in 5to, neque in Anapæstum neque Dactylum.

4. In quavis senarii sede præter ultimam, Anapæstus proprii nominis usurpatur, istâ lege tamen ut in eadem voce totus contineatur; ut,
${ }_{3}^{2} \mu \mathrm{oi} \mu \mathrm{\mu} \boldsymbol{y}$

Eurip. Orest.
5. Senarius duas præcipuas cæsuras habet, penthemimerim, et hephthemimerim. Prioris sunt quatuor genera, 1 mo , vel in
brevi syllaba; $2 d 0$, vel in brevi post elisionem; 3 tio, vel in longa; 4 to, vel in longa post elisionem. Alterius plura sunt: $1 m o$, cum in fine dissyllabi vel hyperdissyllabi occurrit sine elisione; $2 d 0$, post elisionem; 3tio, cum brevis syllaba est enclitica vox; $4 t$, cum non est enclitica sed talis quæ sententiam inchoare nequeat; $5 t 0$, cum vox ista ad præcedentia quidem refertur, potest vero inchoare sententiam; 6to, cum syllaba brevis post elisionem fit.—Vide Porsoni Praf. ad Hecub. p. 27.
6. Est et alia senarii divisio, quam si non cæsuram, quasi casuram liceat nominare. Ea est cum tertius pes elisionem patitur, sive in eadem voce, sive additis $\gamma^{3}, \delta^{\prime}, \mu^{3}, \sigma^{3}, \tau^{3}$.


Id. 355.
7. Rarissime Tragici pedem tertium et quartum integras vos ces vel vocum partes faciunt.
8. Rarissime, si unquam, spondæum in quinto loco inter duo verba hypermonosyllaba divisere, dactylum certe in eodem quinto pede nunquam posuere. Vide Porsoni, Praf. p. 47.
9. Comici autem, qui sermones solutiores imitabantur, has leges sæpe violant; ut,


Anapæstus sæpius in $1 \mathrm{mo}, 2 \mathrm{do}$, et 4 to; rarius in 3 tio loco invenitur. Dactylus in 1 mo et 3 tio; rarissime in $5 t o$.

In Satyricis fabulis Anapæstus in $2 d a$, $4 t a$, et $5 t a$, sedibus invenitur.

Iambici Trimetri apud Tragicos Tabula.


Uterque cæsuræ locus linea simplici denotatur.

## I. Iambicum Monometrum Hypercatalectum ex iambica

 syzygia cum syllaba hypercatalectica constat; ut,Eurip. Med.
Versus idem est ac dochmiacus.
In Dimetris, tam Iambicis quam Trochaicis et Anapæsticis ultima syllaba non est communis; sed versus per covẹ́¢çy decurrunt usque dum ad versum catalecticum, quo omne systema claudatur, deventum sit.-Vide Brunck. Annot.in Ran. Aristoph. 1. 984; et Dazwesii Miscel. Crit. p. 30.

Fide Eurip. Pheeniss. 1. 249, 314, 315.

## - 2. De Iambico Dimetro Acatalectico et Catalectico.

1. Systema dimetrorum acat. tribrachyn, spondæum et ana. pæstum sæpius; dactylum parcius admittit.



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ris-
Id.
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2. In Catalectico Iambus syllabam catalect. semper anteo cedit.

|  | Anacr. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{I d}$. |
|  | Eurip. Phceniss. 316. |

Tetrametrum acat. nunquam a Grecis, sive Tragicis, sive Comicis, usurpabatur.

## ๆ 3. De Tetrametro Catalectico.

De Tetram. Catalect. ita Porsonus in Suppl. ad Præf. Eurip. Hecub. p. 43.
" Duabus rebus a Comico senario hoc differt: 1 mo, quod " quartus pes semper Iambus vel Tribrachys sit oportet; 2do, " quod sextus pes anaprestum etiam admittit. Sed pes catalec"ticam syllabam præcedens non Iambus esse nequit, nisi in " proprio nomine, ubi conceditur anapæstus, quod de quarte " etiam pede intelligi velim."



## II. De Metro Trochaico.

## 1. De Trochaico Tetrametro Catalectico.

1. Trochaicum Tetrametrum Catalecticum septem pedibus et una syllaba constans, apud Tragicos scriptores, omnibus in locis Trochæum amat, qui pes ubique in Tribrachyn dissecari potest.


Eurip. Phceniss.

2. Idem versus in locis paribus; scil. in $2 d 0$, $4 t$, et $6 t$, Spondæum etiam admittit, qui pes ubique in Anapæstum dissecatur.

Eurip. Orest. 728.
3. In omnes sedes, præter 4 tam et 7 mam , licet Dactylum proprii nominis recipere: qui tamen vel in eadem voce ante ultimam syllabam totus continendus est, vel ita distribuendus, ut duæ breves syllabæ priorem nominis partem efficiant.


Eurip. Orest,
4. Trochaici Tragici cæsura una est, qua versus post quatuor pedes absolutos ad finem integræ vocis dividitur, quæ nec articulus nec prepositio sit oportet.

Eurip. Iph. Aul.
5. In pedibus dissolutis illud unum cavetur, ne Spondæo vel Anapæsto in sexto sede, Tribrachys in septima subjiciatur.

Si ab initio detrahis Creticum vel Pæonem primum sive quara tum versus fit Senarius, cui cæsura semper apud Tragicos, sæpe apud Comicos penthemimeris est; sic,

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Aristoph. Nub. } 580 .
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6. In Trochaicis Comici nonnunquam cæsuram negligunt, Dactylum non recipiunt nisi in proprio nomine ; pedem tribrachyn ante syllabam catalecticam admittunt. Sæpe Trochæo et Spondæo ad finem versus invicem utuntur.


Linea simplex locum cæsuræ notat.

## ๆा 2．De Trochaico Monometro Acatalectico．

1．Trochaicum monometrum acatalecticum ex duobus troo chæis，vel trochæo et spondæo constat；ut，

|  | Aschyl．Prom． |
| :---: | :---: |
| тйpear＇oixay． | Eurip．Orest． 956. |

2．Trochaicum monometrum hypercatalecticum constat ex ditrochæo et syllaba；ut，


1．Trochaicum dimetrum catalecticum，Euripideum a Gram－ maticis vocatum，constat ex duobus ditrochæis quorum alter est catalecticus．In prioris secunda sede spondæus etiam ad－ mittitur．Tribrachys ubique，

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Tivgros，
2．Trochaicum dimetrum acatalecticum constat ex duobus ditrochæis．In sede secunda et quarta spondæus admittitur： in omnibus tribrachys．

Utrumque in avibus Aristophanis occurrit 1470，hoc modo． Vide Gaisfordi Not．ad Hæphest．261，de Metro Trochaico．
－－Z Tave．

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\begin{aligned}
& =4 \sigma^{5}-1-4-0
\end{aligned}
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| $\lambda^{\prime} \varepsilon \varepsilon \varepsilon \sigma 0$ ย̀ | Ran. 1106. |
| xoेvov aifees, rorvè $\tau$ trzsc. | Eurip. Phocn. 254. |
|  | 265. |

3. Trochaici dimetri hypercatalectici exemplum.
4. Trochaicum dimetrum brachycatalecticum sive hemiolium, quod et ithyphallicum dicitur, ex tribus trochæis constat, qui in tribrachyn nonnunquam dissecantur.

|  | Eurip. Phceniss. 127. |
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| : | Id. 1040. |
|  | Id. Hecub. 62. |

5. Trochaici trimetri brachycatalectici exemplum.

6. Trochaicum trimetrum catalecticum paribus locis spona dæum, in omnibus tribrachyn sumit.

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& \text { สísts }
\end{aligned}
$$

Vide Aristoph. Ran. 896.
7. Trochaicum trimetrum hypercatalecticum habet Eurip. Orest. 1397.

## III. De Metro Anapastico.

1. Anapæstum monometrum, quod etiam basis anapæstica vocatur, sæpius ex duobus anapæstis, nonnunquam ex anapæsto et spondæo, et versa vice, vel dactylo et anapæsto, vel ex duobus spondæis.

| Tis iparusiuvo | Aschyl. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Eurip. Несиб. |
|  | Id |

2. Legitimum anapæstorum systema ex Dimetris constat, quibus interponitur aliquando Monometer, et semper versu catalectico, qui Paræmiacus dicitur, ex tribus pedibus et syllaba composito, clauditur.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Id. }
\end{aligned}
$$

In Paræmiaco, quod cantum claudit, catalectica syllaba subjicitur anapæsto,* in strophe et antistrophe.
3. In omnibus locis pro anapæsto indifferenter dactylum et spondæum, rarissime proceleusmaticum Tragici adhibent: rarissime dactylo anapæstum subjiciunt. sic,



[^7]






Parcemiac.
Eurip. Hecub. 122.


Basis. Anapast. 1. 138.
Parcmiac.
Si anapæstus media in voce (quod rarius accidit) exit, syla laba, quæ supersit, brevis est.
4. Sicubi hiatum Tragici relinquunt, is fere est vel in vocali longa vel diphthongo, quæ tum necessario corripitur; ut,

| - | Eurip. Med. 1081. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Eurip. Hec |

5. Metra sive Dipodiæ tum maxime numerosos versus efficiunt cum in integras voces desinunt: preter quam in versu catalectico, qui tum maxime auribus placebit cum hexametri dactylici finem constituit: nonnunquam vero et is dactylum admittit in primo loco.


6. Interdum tamen voces in duo metra distribuuntur, et al. tera dipodia post anapæstum brevi syllaba in alteram excidit;

7. Semper observandum est ultimas versuum syllabas minime pro communibus habitas esse, sed eadem diligentia servatas ac si in mediis versibus reperirentur. Hanc legem бvvá $\varphi$ сжу Grammatici dicunt; sic,


8. Anapestus Aristophanicus, quod etiam tetrametrum dicitur, duobus dimetris anapæsticis constat, quorum unus est alteri catalecticus.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Aristoph. Plut. } 487 .
\end{aligned}
$$

2. In tribus prioribus locis præter anapæstum et spondæum dactylo utuntur ; quod et in 5to licet; in 4to et 6to non licet. Nusquam Aristophanes syllabam catalecticam spondæo subjicit.

3. Notandum est cæsurain post 4 tam pedem semper inviolatam servari. Cavendum est ne in præpositione vel articulo accidat.

Tetrametri Anaprestici apud Comicos Tabula.

Linea duplex locum cæsuræ notat.

## IV. De Metro Dactylico.

1. Dactylicum dimetrum acatalecticum purum ex duobus dactylis constat.
2. Dactylicum dimetrum acatalecticum impurum in prime loco spondæum admittit; nonnunquam etiam in 2 do.

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\begin{aligned}
& \pi \varepsilon \varepsilon \theta_{0} \mu \quad \mu \quad \lambda \pi \alpha{ }^{v} v_{0} \\
& \text { Aschyl. }
\end{aligned}
$$

3. Dactylicum dimetrum hypercatalecticum ex duobus daca tylis cum syllaba constat; vel ex spondæo cum syllaba.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Soph. Antig. } 350 .
\end{aligned}
$$

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Aschyl. }
\end{aligned}
$$

4. Dactylicum trimetrum acatalecticum ex tribus dactylis constat. In 1 mo et 3 tio loco spondæum admittit.

|  | Aschyl. |
| :---: | :---: |
| גi M | nac |

5. Dactylicum trimetrum hypercatalecticum constat ex tribus dactylis cum syllaba: spondæum etiam in 1 mo, rarius in 2do loco admittit. Cavendum est ne spondæus ante syllabam hypera catalect. sit ; ut,

6. Dactylicum tetrametrum acatalecticum ex quatuor dactylis constat. In 1 ma et 2 da sede, nonnunquam etiam in 3 tia, spondæus admittitur; ut,


## De Metro Logacdico.

Metrum Logaædicum constat ex dactylis duobus vel plurie bus, et duobus trochæis, sive trochaica syzygia; ut,

|  | Eurip. Hecub. 93\%. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Soph. Antig. 135. |

De Dactylico Hexametro.**

1. Dactyl. hexam. ex sex dactylis constat, quorum loca præsertim in 2do, 4to, et 6to pedibus, spondæi etiam indifferenter occupant.
2. In heroico hexametro pes 5 tus sæpius dactylus est, sextus spondæus semper.
3. Cæsura, quæ est in prima 3tii pedis syllaba, sive Penthe mimeris, Homero et antiquis Epicis maxime placebat; ut,

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Il. 1. l. } 1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

4. Sæpe etiam cæsura Hephthemimeris est, et nonnunquam ambæ eodem versu inveniuntur ; sic,

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    5 1 .
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5. In cæsuræ 3tii pedis loco sæpe trochæus, vel ex integra voce, vel ultimis syllabis, admittitur ; raro in 4ti; sic,

Ddyss.


[^8]Trochæus ex ultimis syllabis in 2do，3tio，et 4to，locis inve＝ nitur，sed hoc tantum cum aliquid raptim et inæquabili cursu progreditur ；sic，

Il．\％
6．Incisio sæpe fit in fine 4ti pedis，Bucolicis scriptoribus maxime observata；sic，

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7．Cum magna et grandia Epicis sunt exornanda，incisio sæpe in sexto pede fit，qui tum monosyllaba clauditur；ut，

Sunt alix incisiones in 1 mo ， 2 do ，aliisque pedibus，quas inter legendum melius erit exponere．

Pentameter invicem cum hexametro in Elegiacis admisce－ tur ；sic in Eurip．Androm．103．Ubi observandum est primum pedem semper dactylum ；2dum，vel dactylum vel spondæum； deinde sequi cæsuram；postremo duos dactylos cum cæsura； $\mathrm{sic}_{,}$
－－1－－1 II－v－－－い

## V. De Metro Choriambico.*

1. Choriambicum monometrum ex pede choriambo fit.
2. Choriambicum monometrum hypercatalecticum, quod etiam Adoneum vocatur, idem est ac dactylus dimetrus impurus; sic,

$$
\text { Tî̀z rouilces. } \quad \text { Eurip. Iph. in Aul. } 156 .
$$

3. Choriambicum dimetrum catalecticum ex choriambo et bacchio constat, vel iambica syzygia catalectica.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Soph. Antig. } 610 .
\end{aligned}
$$

4. Choriambicum dimetrum acatalecticum est aut purum aut impurum: unum ex duobus choriambis constat: alterum aut in 1 mo loco, aut in 2 do , antispastum $\dagger$ pro choriambo admit= tit: quum in primo, Glyconium Polyschematistum nominatur : de quo infra.


* Dubito an Greci duplices pedes unquam excogitarint, sed tantum eos diversis modis, musices variationibus, saltationibusque numerosis accommodaw rint. Harum autem prorsus ignari sumus, nullo lumine prætenso, cujus ope choris canticis, quibus hi pedes locum habent, recte ordinentur, et ita constituantur ut cum illis congruant. Hinc nihil certum et fixum inveniri potest; sed alii al am sententiam de iis pra se ferunt, ut unusquisque arte metrica, sese prastare putat. Malim, igitur, per singulos pedes versus censeri, quia, hoc modo, syllabarum solutiones et pedum variationes melius recognoscentur.
$\dagger$ Frequenter dipodiis iambicis conjungitur. Vide exemplum ex Aristoph. Nub. ad finem.
$\ddagger$ Resolutio longæ syilabæ。

5. Choriambicum trimetrum catalecticum constat ex duobus choriambis cum bacchio: vel in 1 mo pede ex diambo; * ut,

6. Choriambicum tetrametrum catalecticum constat ex tribus choriambis cum bacchio: nonnunquam antispastum in 1mo loco: diiambum in 3tio admittit. In Lysistrata Aristoph. occurrit cum trimetro acatalectico, dimetro catalectico et acatalectico; sic,

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## VI. De Metro Antispastico.

1. Pes antispastus, ex iambo et trochæo conflatus, hanc formam puram habet,
2. Pars prior iambica omnes varietates accipit quas in prima iambici trimetri sede adhibere Tragici solent. In posteriore quævis trochæi varietates admittuntur ; sic,

[^9]
3. Est aliquando ut pro antispasto, vel diiambum vel ditrochæum usurpant: et in 2da diiambi sede dactylus etiam adhibetur.


Notandum est pedes in antistrophicis per singulas syllabas pedibus in strophicis haud semper respondere; metra metris tantum opponere : hiatus vocalium longarum et diphthongorum nonnunquam permitti, et interjectiones sive exclamationes $\varphi \& \tilde{v}$, de, $\%$, et talia, nunc intra metra, nunc extra æstimari.

IT 1. Antispasticum Monometrum ex Antispasto simplici constat, et omnes varietates admittit.

1. Dochmiacus Versus. *-Sive antispastus monometer hypercatalectus easdem varietates admittit; sic,



$=\quad-1-4$

Soph. CEdip. Tyr. 650.
Id. 1334.
Soph. Elect. 483.

[^10]2. Ex duobus dochmiis exoritur dochmiacus dimeter, cujus forma pura hæc est: $\dagger$



Soph. Ant. 1261.
Id. Ajax. 348.
3. Dochmiacus hypercatalectus idem est cum choriambico dimetro catalectico.
4. Antispastus curn dochmio nonnunquam copulatur, et, vice versa, dochmius cum antispàsto; sic,

|  <br>  | Eurip. Bacch. 994. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
|  | Aschyl. |

## ब 2: Antispasticum Pherecrateim.

Antispasticum Pherecrateum ex duobus metris constat, quo* rum prius est acatalect. posterius catalect. metrum prius est vel antispastus purus, cujus sedem priorem occupat iambus vel spondæus, vel antispastus trochaicus: metrum posterius est, antispastụs purus catalect.

$$
\begin{array}{c|c|c}
1 & 2 \\
\cdots & - & 2 \\
\cdots & - & -\cdots
\end{array}
$$

Vide Soph. Ajax. 229, 631, 632. Philoct. 172. Eurip. ${ }^{\text {Orest. }}$ 1477. Phoeniss. 211, 214. Hippol. 143, 551. Iph. Aul. 791, 1050, cum tribracho.

[^11]
## ๆा 3. Antispasticum Glyconeum.*

Antispasticum Glyconeum ex antispasto et syzygia iambiez constat. Schema istiusmodi est.

$$
\begin{array}{cc|c|c}
v & -v & & \\
- & -v & v-v \\
- & -v & &
\end{array}
$$

Hinc vocatur Glyconeum cum iambo, spondæo et trochro ; sic,

|  | Soph. Philoct. 14:0. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Id. 1124. |
|  | 7a. 1126. |

Vide Soph. CEdip. Col. 124, 125, 127, 131, 132, 704, ubi trì brachys primam sedem occupat. Eurip. Elect. 175.

शा 4. Antispasticum Glyconeum Polyschematistum.
Antispasticum Glyconeum Polyschematistum est antispastic cum dimetrum catalecticum, et componitur ex antispasto, varie formato, et choriambo, fere semper puro. Quasdam formas tironum gratia licet hic subjungere.


* Anacreonticum etiam nuncupatur.

1. Eurip. Нecub. 636.-2. Eurip. Orest. 797, 798.-3. Eurip. Orest. 1356.-4. Soph. Antig. 108.-5. Soph. Antig. 781. Aj. 375.-6. Soph. Antig. 785, 838.-7. Soph. Trachin. 118.8. Soph. Philoct. 1441, 1144. Eurip. Phoeniss. 236.-9. Eurip. Suppl. 978, 979.-10. Eurip. Orest. 827.-11. Scph. Ėlect. 121, 122. Antig. 137.-12. Eurip. Helen. 1334, \&c.--Vide Burneiz Tentamen de Metris, pp. 39, 41; Gaisfordi Notas in Hephcest. p. 355, 6; et Hermann. de Metris, lib. ii, c. 24.

|  | Eurip. Orest. 797. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | REschyl. Sept. 91 |

1. Antispast. dimetr. Glycon. hypercat. $\dagger$ constat ex antispast. dim. cum syllaba. Diversa hujus metri forma hæc est.

$$
\begin{array}{c|c||cc}
v- & v & \\
-= & -v & v-1 u-1- \\
- & -v & &
\end{array}
$$


2. Antispast. trimetr. catal. ex tribus pedibus constat; sic,

Idem fere est cum Sapphicis hendecasyllabis quorum norma hæc est. Pes primus semper trochæus est ; 2dus, vel trochæus vel spondæus; sequitur dactylus cum trochaica syzygia, cujus ultima syllaba communis est; sic,


[^12]+ Hoc etiam Sapphicum sive Hipponacteum vocatur.

3. Antisp. trim. acat. omnes antispasti puri vel iambici formas et in omnibus locis, admittit. Hypercat. idem est cum syllaba in fine; sic,


4. Antispast. tetram. catalect. constat ex quatuor pedibus, quorum quartus est antispastus, syllaba dempta.

Soph. E'dip. Col. 694.
Melius forsan hoc modo dividi possit;
5. Antispast. tetram. acat. antispasti puri vel iambici omnes formas, in omnibus locis, admittit; sic,


Eschyl. Pers. 548.
Melius dividi in dimetra potest, hoc modo.



VII. De Ionico a Majore:

1. Duo trochæi aliquando locum Ionici maj. in omnibus prater primum locis, occupant. Aliquando Pæon secundus ( $-\sim \cup$ ) maxime in prima sede.
2. Pæon secundus aliquando Epitritum 2dum ( $-\cdots--$ ) subsequitur, adeo ut duo pedes simul juncti ävézдacos efficiant:
ambo enim quod ad temporis rationem, duobus Ionicis a maj. sunt æquales.
3. Syllabæ longæ solutio omnimodis facta est. Brevis est communis.

I 1. Ionicum Dimetrum Brachycatalecticzim.


I 3. Trimetrum Brachycatalecticum.

Soph. Antig. 139.

Solutio prioris longæ,


T1 4. Trimetrum Acatalecticum.



ना 5. Tetrametrum Brachycatalecticum, quod etiam Sotadicum dicitur.



Si Ionicus a majore, vel Pæon secundus, vel Molossus antecedat choriambum, versus tunc Prosodiacus dicitur; sic,

|  | Eurip. Med. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $I d$. |

## VIII. De Ionico a Minore.

1. In hoc metro Iambica syzygia ubicunque admittitur: et aliquando Pæonem secundum aut tertium epitritus 2dus subsequitur, hoc modo àsoóx $\lambda \alpha \sigma$ ev efficiens.
2. Molossus, qui est ejusdem temporis, nonnunquam in prima versus parte invenitur, etiamque in ímparibus locis, iambica syzygia præcedente.
3. Syllabæ longæ solutionem patiuntur.

ब 1. Ionicum a min. dimetrum catalect. constat ex duplici Ionico a minore. In priore metro ultima longa dissolvi potest, in posteriore admitti videtur Molossus, ultima syllaba abscissa; sic,

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q'zvos &̌0' ópsggiav.
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Soph. Ajax. 398.
    Aschyl.
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- 2. Ex dimetro Ionic. a min. acat. et catalect. simul junctis exoritur metrum Ionicum a min. tetram. catalect.; sic,


[^13] citur, potius mihi videtur ad Ionicum a maj. pertinere. Vide supra,

## IX. De Metro Peonico, sive Cretico.

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\text { P.1.wu P. 2.w P. } 3 . w \text { P. } 4 . \ldots w-
$$

1. Hoc metrum nonnunquam Creticum vocatur; pes enimz Creticus, 1 ma vel 3tia syllaba soluta, fit Pæonicus.
2. Pes Bacchius u-- aliquando, præsertim in clausulis, ina venitur: nam omnes pedes, ex-quinque temporibus conflati, recipiuntur.

If 1. Metrum Pæonicum dimetrum ubique Creticum pedem accipit; qui pes aliquando et primam et tertiam simul solutam habet; sic,

|  | Eurip. Phoeniss. 330. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Eurip. Orest. 311. |
|  | Aristoph. Lys. 688. |

Vide etiam 689, 690.
II 2. Trimetrum rarius occurrit; nee nisi dimetris clausule loco adjunctum. Vide Hermannus de Metris, p. 361.

बा 3. Tetrametrum Pæonicum solutionem longarum libentissime patitur ; sic,

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Aristoph. Vesp. } 1275 .
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Id. Av. 312. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Pes Creticus sæpe jungitur trochaico hemiolio; sic,

Aschyl。
Pes Bacchius clausulis occurrit,

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Soph. CEdip. Tyr. 1468. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Hic loci versum periodicum subjungam, Pindaro maxime familiarem ; constat ex dipodia iambica et trochaica; sic,


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                                    Pind.Olymp. 2. 1.
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\tauis
Id. 892.
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Vide etian Elect. 24.9; catalectus reperitur CEd. Tyr. 654, 664.

## VII.

## De Asynartetis.

Horum versuum indolem et artificium plane cognovit magnus Bentleius; cujus verbis ad Horatii Epod. xi. uti licebit."Sub primis Poeticæ artis initiis simplici pede versus decurre" bant, heroicus dactylo, trochaicus et iambicicus, uterque suo: ${ }^{66}$ nisi ubi, pes omnibus illis cognatus, spondæus interponebatur: " quo versus, tardior paullo graviorque ad aures veniret. Pos" tea, ut varietatis gratiam aucuparentur, cola* quædam sive " partes heroici versus cum colis trochaici generis vel iambici, " et vicissim, in unum versum miscebant: unde magnus noa " vorum versuum numerus illico nascebatur; quos Græci ma" gistri $\dot{\alpha} \sigma v a \rho \sigma z_{i} z_{s}$, hoc est, inconnexos vocabant; quia alerum " colon altero diversi generis connecti et coagmentari non

[^14]${ }^{6}$ potest; utcunque uno versiculo utrumque sit conclusum. " Horum д̈वvvagrítov numerum ad 64 usque exsurgere narrat " Scholiastes Hephæstionis et Marius Victorinus. Parens

 "Primus inconnexis versibus Archilochus usus est : ubi et di" versa eorum genera profert; quorum ea tantum hic memo"rabo quæ Flaccus imitatus est. Unum ergo ait, p. 88, con-
 " colon esse tetrametrum heroicum: posterius tres trochæos; " quæ illud Archilochi.

" Quod semel duntaxat Flaccus expressit, Carm. 1. 4. "Solvitur acris hiems grata vice | veris et Favoni," \&c. Longius esset omnia quæ de his versibus disseruit Bentleius proferre. Qui plura vult eum ad locum supra citatum, et ad Gaisfordi notas in Hephæst. relegare visum est.

De Strophe, Antistrophe, et Epodo, ita disseruit Marius Vic-torinus:-
" Pleraque Lyricorum carminum, quæ versu colisque et " commatibus componuntur, ex Strophe, et Antistrophe, et " Epodo, ut Græci appellant, ordinata subsistunt, quorum ratio " talis est. Antiqui Deorum laudes carminibus comprehensas " circum aras eorum euntes canebant, cujus primum ambitum, ${ }^{6}$ quem ingrediebantur ex parte dextra s s $\rho$ 列 vocabant. Re" versionem autem sinistrorsum factam, completo priore orbe,
 "sistere, cantici reliqua consequebantur, appéllantes id ह̇ $\pi \omega \partial \partial \partial_{0}$ " Nam Epodus est tertia pars aut periodus Lyricæ odes. Igitur


## METRORUM DISTRIBUTIO CANTUS

## Strophe. *

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& \text { Parcmiac. }
\end{aligned}
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Epudus.
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Dactyl. Trim.



[^15]CHORICI SOPHOCLIS EEDIP. TYR.

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& \text { Antistrophe. } \dagger
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& 159
\end{aligned}
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\end{aligned}
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> f Metra Strophæ respondent.
> f Sic restituendam genuinam lectionem ex Hesychio censeo, cujus verba
metrum esse, in quo vocalis longa ante aliam vocalem media in voce nun-
quam rite corripitur. Præterea 'tñios est nomen Apollinis ut supra 154,
nec unquam lugubris vel lacrymosus sonare potest: neque consentaneum mu-
Hieres parturientes vota Apollini facere, sed Diana. Constructio quoque '1йіау
sustineo regit nonnunquam accusativum rei, quañquam hæc significatio sæpius
mediæ voci pertinet-Multus dubito an 'láios unquam legi debeat nisi Apol-
linis nomen: Confundi suspicor voces 'Iños et 'Ińios, prior lugubris significans
vel clamosa lamentatio; posterior, ab icopat, sano, Apollinem, medicinæ
deum. 'Ińios fortasse in usu erat ex Znиes mitto; quæ vox cum spiritu aspero
scribi debet, Euripidis Pheen. 1. 1050, 1051, loco '!̣̣̆ios。
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- Antistrophe \%.
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Strophe $\beta^{\prime}$.

$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Dactyl.Dim. Hyper. } \\ \text { vel Dactyl. Dochm. }\end{array}\right\}$ Matvo $\mu$ '́pq é equoíá
Ion. maj. Dim. Acat. Naíes xovi, zã̌s ảvávopg ..... 435
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Canticus Chorus ، $\beta^{\prime}, 1020$.
Glycon. Polyschem. 


Epionic.
Antispast.Dim. Cat. 
Troch.Trim. Hyper. 


Dactyl.Dim. Hyper.
sive Dactyl. Dochm. $\}$ Eidori i mynsy Ävíg.

Id.


## DISSERTATION

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# PREFACE 

PART II.

The following Dissertation it was my original intention to have written in Latin, both to preserve uniformity with the preceding part on the Greek metres, and to comply with the practice of employing that language in criticisms or remarks upon classic authors. Two reasons induced me to abandon this resolution; the want of leisure to execute it before the conclusion of this session, and the conviction that it would be more easily understood by those for whom it was principally intended if written in English. At an after period, if it shall be thought deserving of public approbation, I shall endeavour to carry the original design into execution.-The account of the Greek metres in the preceding Part will, I hope, be found of more practical utility to such as are not far advanced in the study of the Puets, than any treatise on the subject hitherto published. It was chiefly intended for my own Pupils, that we might no longer be subject to reproaches and sneers upon account of our ignorance of versification. But to say the truth, those who are so liberal of their censures on this head do not appear to me, as far as
regards the metres of the Greek poets, to have great cause for boasting. How long is it since Porson fixed the wavering opinions of the learned respecting the laws of Iambic, Trochaic, and Anapæstic verse? Are we even yet any better acquainted with the arrangement of the Choral Odes, notwithstanding the labours of Burney, and others of inferior name? And what has ever been done to illustrate the versification of Homer, the greatest of all poets, and the first, one might imagine, to attract the attention of every one who has the least pretensions to literature? Thotgh less inclined, through the operation of different causes, to pursuits of this nature than our neighbours of the South, we may, I trust, entertain the expectation, since so much has been lately done, in this department, in some of our public schools, that we shall not long be inferior to them even in this accomplishment, but that, as poetic genius is as vigorous and original among us as among them, we may at last recover also the art of recording its effusions in the poetical languages of Greece and Rome. This expectation, however, to such as may have given implicit credit to certain representations, presented to the Public, of the system of Education prosecuted in this University, will appear altogether chimerical and groundless: for if the statement respecting it be correct, in a recent publication, entitled, "View of the System of Education at present pursued in the Schools and Universities of Scotland," nothing was ever so wretched and deplorable. It was not my intention, when this precious performance made its appearance, to notice it in the slightest degree, though a false, meagre, and prejudiced account
had been given of that department over which I have the honour to preside, as I imagined there were few or none, at all acquainted with this University, who would be misled by the author's representations, but would soon detect his folly and ignorance. With prejudices so strong, partialities so glaring, and misrepresentations so gross, I had little doubt that it would soon sink into utter oblivion, if not buoyed up by those who were either enemies to our establishment, or who carelessly placed implicit confidence in the arrogant statements of the author.-But as Reviewers have re-echoed his sentiments and opinions; as they have given currency to his misrepresentations, and stamped them with a value they did not originally possess, it nozo becomes the duty of every one, who has the reputation of this University at heart, and particularly of those that are connected with it, to endeavour to rescue it from those vile and unfounded charges that have been brought against it. It would liave puzzled a person of much less intrepidity, and more regard to truth, than the Reverend Mr Russel, to reconcile the great increase of students at this University within a short period, not merely in'a few classes, but in almost all those that have fallen under his animadversions, with the defective, miserable, and ruinous system of education he has described. If it be so very bad, the public are unquestionably exceedingly blind and foolish. (and seem to continue so notwithstanding this gentleman's laudable endeavours to prejudice them to the uttermost,) to encourage a set of men either excessively ignorant or indo-lent.-Has this man presumption and vanity enough to suppose that he is better qualified to judge of matters of this
kind than many of those, who, having received their own education in the University of Edinburgh, still continue to countenance and support it by sending hither their children? What must be thought of his candour, veracity and impartiality, when it can be proved that he is either grossly ignorant of many things comnected with the literary classes which he ought to have known, or that he has purposely concealed them that the force of contrast might be the greater?. And what credit can be attached to his statements, when he has derived his information, not from personal knowledge, not with a view of doing justice to all by concealing nothing that ought to have been known ; but from the vague and unsatisfactory evidence of some lazy, discontented student or students, who were, perhaps, both unable and unwilling to give a complete account of the system pursued, that their own ignorance might have some plausible excuse? I can, without the fear of contradiction, assert, that there is not a single statement he has made respecting my own Classes correct, but that he has given at false account of some things, and is wholly silent upon others most material to be known, if his aim had been to do strict justice to all. The slightest perusal of this author's work will make it abundantly evident that this object was the farthest from his thoughts ; but that his intention was, by the most unfair and partial comparisons, to exalt the University of Glasgow at the expence of that of Edinburgh. Justice requires that these comparisons be examined, and that, whatever be the merits or demerits of each, they should stand on other ground than on his evidence. It is far from my intention to show any desire of establishing a ri-
valship between the two; all I have in view is, to rescue that University with which I am comected from unfounded and malevolent obloquy.

The first part of this author's Viero comprehends some remarks upon the High Schools of Edinburgh and Glasgow. No two schools of the kind are perhaps more widely different, both in their immediate and ultimate effect upon the education of the youth, and the system of discipline proper to be observed, when they come to prosecute their studies at College. In the former school the boys continue four years under the Master with whom they entered, and generally two more under the Rector, with whom many of them make considerable progress in Greek, and afterwards join either the junior or senior Humanity and Greek Classes in the University. In the latter they continue only four years in all, and are then sent to College, to the junior Humanity and Greek Classes. The boys from the former are, upon an average, at the period they quit the High School, about 14 or 15 years of age, have read most of the best Latin Classics, and not a few of our most esteemed modern authors: Those from the latter cannot exceed 12 or 13 , and must have but an imperfect knowledge both of Latin and English. The acquirements of the former must, therefore, at that period of life, be out of all proportion superior to the other, who, as mere children, are totally unfit for college discipline, and assuredly require other stimuli than honour, praise or censure. The difference between the two, it will be obvious, must continue through the whole course of their
literary and philosophical studies; the latter generally entering the Logic Class at that period of life when the former are merely leaving the High School. If boys, therefore, require to be examined when they enter the first Humanity or Greek Class at the age of 14 or 15 , they must of consequence equally require it when they euter the Logic Class at the same period, and must have topics suggested to them which others farther advanced have previously acquired. But this Reverend Gentleman is not content even with the time spent at the High School of Edinburgh, but wishes the system pursued in the English schools to be adopted. The knowledge and the logic of this Author seem to be pretty much upon a par; the one the effect of presumption, the other of a total ignorance of cause and effect. Would it not have been worth his while, before he began to recommend this system, to have enquired whether it was practicable in this country? The orator Lysias has very faithfully

 as he seems to comprehend the neaning of the motto in his title-page, I must refer him, not to the Latin version of this passage, but to such English translation as he can fall in with. Like some of our modern reformers, he entertains a blind admiration of general principles without that discriminating power of mind which judges of matters of public interest by what is practicable and suitable to the circumstances and state of society. The public schools in England, if I am correctly informed, are attended by two descriptions of people : the one, the sons of men of rank and fortune, who
aim at no particular profession; the other, such as endeavour to qualify themselves for certain exhibitions or endowments in the two Universities, or who look forward to the church for preferment. In Scotland our public schools are chiefly attended by the sons of men in business, or in particular professions, who are anxious that they should be as soon as possible qualified, not. by a learned education, which is certainly too often neglected, but by a general one, comprehending the literary Classes, Mathematics, Logic, Moral and Natural Philosophy, with some other branches of inferior importance, to enter into some profession; where all these may be either directly or indirectly useful. And let me ask, though the question might seem to operate against my own interest, whether a young man may be supposed better qualified to engage in any profession with a knowledge of all these branches I have enumerated, than if it had been confined merely to Greek and Latin? In England there are rich endowments for the encouragement of literature, and especially a great ecclesiastical establishment, with different degrees of preferment to which ambition may look forward; while, in this country, no such aids and prospects are afforded. There are not ten situations in all Scotland which require an extensive, or even a moderate knowledge of Greek literature. Is it thought requisite in the profession of the Law? No ordinance requires it. Is it necessary for the qualification of a Physician? What injunction has been given to study it ? No : Latin and Mathematics were lately prescribed by the College of Surgeons, but not a word of Greek. Does it even form an important part of the examination of
candidates for the church? Even here no very great acquirements in that branch of knowledge will open for them a way within her pale; and when they have succeeded in attaining their wishes, what higher object courts their ambition? In the other ranks of life how few make it their study, or prosecute it to any extent ?-All this lamentable deficiency Mr Russel, with his usual sagacity, will no doubt attribute to the defective system in our University. But let me ask him, if he ever saw any artist fabricating goods which he could not bring to market, or, if he brought them there, whatever value he might set upon them, would draw no purchasers? Does he not know that where there is an extensive demand for any article there will always be an adequate supply? Suppose he himself were to try the experiment again, and advertise for a nerv and improzed method of teaching Greek and Latin, far superior to the useless practice established in this University, I am not sure, with all his efforts to appear wise and more knowing than others, that his fellow-citizens would be inclined to give him much encouragement in vending, even at a reduced rate, these commodities. I would laugh to see young men of 18 or 19 years of age placed on forms under his management, shifting places once or twice aday, and occasionally receiving a hearty flagellation for their stupidity, inattention, or wicked devices to torment. I should, however, be afraid, lest some of them might be disposed to become rebellious, and have the presumption to think that they were beyond the discipline of the ferula. For all the great purposes of life, it is better, even though some evils attend it, that they should be early taught to think
and act as men, than be kept under the restraints, and subject to the discipline of children, wher they have outgrown that age.-But unfortunately for this Reverend Gentleman's theory, the High Schools of Edinburgh and Glasgow do not comprise all the classical education in the country. What are we to do with those young men, who come, from the age of 15 to 20, and even 25, to College, and who form at Edinburgh the majority of literary students? It is probable that in many instances they have got all the instruction their teachers were capable of communicating. Are we to send them to the High Schools, instead of the Colleges, to be disciplined and instructed like boys? Or are we to remand them back to their teachers, because they can derive no good at this University at least ?-No, Mr Russel would reply, let them go to Glasgow; they will derive much improvement among boys of 12 or 13 years of age, fresh in their fourth year from the Grammar-School. But suppose they should not relish this advice, then he ought to recommend to the landed proprietors of Scotland to give more liberal encouragement to the public Teachers, and they would then obtain persons better qualified for the office. Like many unskilful reasoners, he begins where he ought to have ended. Instead of recommending it to parents to continue their children longer at our GrammarSchools, he ought to have suggested the propriety of creating endowments for the encouragement of literature, which could be obtained only by those who should distinguish themselves at school or college, and which would support them for a certain period in honourable independence. He should have called upon the heads of the learned professions
to be more strict in their examinations of candidates, and more scrupulous in the admission of such as did not give evident proofs of their abilities and acquirements in classical literature. He should have tried to convince the Patrons of public institutions, that learning will not thrive without proper encouragements to foster genius, and mature it for splendid exertions.-If he had done all this, the spleen and malevolence he has shewn against this University would have been more readily overlooked, as the effects of superabuadant zeal working upon a mind not of the firmest texture. But to expect that classical literature shall ever be cultivated to any extent in this country, while so little encouragement is given for its support, is the same as if Mr Russel should cast an unbaited hook into the sea, and expect that the fishes would fasten on it.

I asserted, that this Reverend Gentleman had, in every instance, given a false and meagre account of the business of my Classes in this University, when, if he had intended to be impartial, he ought to have been as minute as in his account of similar Classes in Glasgow. To enter into the detail is, $\mathbf{l}$ feel, an invidious task; but as I have ever endeavoured to do my duty to the best of my abilities, I shall not shrink from it, in justice to myself and others who have honoured me with their confidence. I shall pass over every thing that is done in the Junior Class, only premising that it is wholly separate and distinct from the Senior. This latter is divided into two classes, commonly called the $2 d$ and Sd, who read at separate hours, though they are requi-
red to meet together. It is asserted by the Reverend Gentleman, that " as there is no list or catalogue of names, the Professors call upon the boys in the order of their sitting, taking it for granted that the same boys occupy the same benches every day," \&cc. This statement is absolutely and wholly false. In the Greek Class there are lists or catalogues of 'names, and the students are not left to the choice of their seats, but must occupy, during the session, such as have been assigned them. As there is always a certain number in each, it is easy, by a single glance of the eye, to discover what individual or individuals are absent; and their names are accordingly taken down in such a manner that the whole of the absentees may in general be marked in the space of 3 or 4 minutes, without the smallest noise or confusion. The boys are not called upon in the order of their sitting, but from different seats ; care being always taken that none shall be overlooked, however dull or inattentive, as it may be supposed that, if any one were allowed to remain, during a whole session, as a hearer only, it would be nearly the same thing at the end of the course whether he ever appeared in the class-room or not.' If all are obliged to prepare their lessons, it is of less moment when they are called upon to read.

The Reverend Gentleman has favoured us with an account of the mode of proceeding in the private Philological Classes in Glasgow; and here again he exhibits his wonted partiality, and, what is worse, as a comparison was evidently intended, gross injustice and inconsistency.-_
"There is," says he, " this difference between the provis sion which is made for the advanced students at the two Universities, that at Glasgow there is a distinct and separate course, or, as it is called, a Private Class, set apart and calculated for them in particular ; whereas, at Edinburgh, the student of philosophy, if he wishes to revive his Latin and Greek, has no such Class to enter, but must mix, at the public hour too, with boys who have just left the Grammar Sćhool."

> Turpe est in iis rebus qua
> Ad patriam pertinent hospitem esse.-Manut.

Had the Reverend Gentleman understood, or followed out the sentiment contained in this quotation, which he has affixed to his title-page, he would not have stated such palpable untruths. I suspect that some person, knowing his charitable intention, gave him false information, to render him contemptible and ridiculous. There is, 1 must beg leave to inform him and his friends, a separate Class of Greek for students of Philosophy as well as Divinity, if they choose to attend it. This is what has commonly been called the Thind Greek Class, which the students of the second year are also required to attend, and to whom it is left optional to prepare the lessons. Several of them, however, contrary I dare say to Mr Russel's expectation, have, with a degree of industry and ability which does them great credit, prepared and explained, during this session, a great part of the Cedipus Tyranuus of Sophocles and some of the Plutus
of Aristophanes. This Third Class is attended by upwards of 50 students, some of 3 , others of 4 , and a few of 5 years standing, who all prepare the lessons prescribed. In that Class the highter Greek authors are read; the Oration of Demosthenes for the Crown; most of the Extracts from different authors in the 2 vols. of the Collectanea Majora, and lately a Play of Aristophanes. The lessons are translated by the students, while they are called upon to analyse particular words, to state certain rules and idioms, and vary expressions. Those subjects, however, which make such a conspicuous figure in the Reverend Gentleman's account of the Private Classes in Glasgow, are reserved for stated Lectures, which generally tum upon the subjects read in the 2d and 3d Classes, upon the Origin and Progress of the Drama, of Philosophy, of Eloquence, of Epic and Lyric Poetry, \&c. and the laws of criticisú respecting each. Essays are prescribed upon'all these subjects, and occasionally Translations both in Latin and English of the Choruses of the Tragic Poets are required. Exercises are read every week, andshort senteuces given out in English to be turned into Greek prose, or Iambic, Trochaic, and Anapæstic verse, the laws of which are explained. In justice to many of the young men who have attended, and are attending the Greek Class, I may be allowed to state, that I have received excellent Specimens of different kinds of verse, both in Greek and Latin, particularly in the latter-an accomplishment which most of them have acquired at the High School of this City, and afterwards at the Humanity Class.-Such is a short detail of the mode of proceeding in the Senior Greek Classes in
this University, the same, with the exception of the Exercises, as that followed by my learned and highly respected Predecessor ;-a man who, 1 will be bold to say, did more, by his writings and instructions, towards diffusing an accurate knowledye of Greek literature in this country, than any individual within it.-Is it the same with that which the Reverend Mr Russel has given? Jothing like it. What, then, is the inference to be drawn? That all those whinings and lamentations, those unqualified censures and reproaches, must apply only to the establishments with which he is so well acquainted, and of whose systems he has given such ample details.-I would now ask him, whether, upon his own principles, students, who are obliged to prepare themselves upon the higher authors, are not more likely to obtain an accurate and extensive knowledge of the Greek language than when they sit, as mere hearers, to listen to Lectures, however excellent they may be ?- He has here brought himself into one of the most awkward dilemmas, and strange inconsistencies, that any man could have fallen into, not altogether destitute of common sense. While, in almost evesy page of his book, he has insisted upon the examination of Classes, he has, with a degree either of effrontery, or of stupidity hardly to be conceived, panegyrized, in the most lofty terms, Classes in which, by his own confession, no examinations take place. See pages $61 . \& 65$. What might be the model in one department, might also surely, with no great degree of reprchension, be imitated in others. The author wished to pay a compliment, and he had not penetration enough to see that it was at the expence of reason and
consistency. I am afraid the Professors in Glasgow, whose fame and interest he has so much at heart, will scarcely thank him for his injudicious services. It is the peculiar infelicity of some men to prove more injurious to their friends, by their indiscreet praises, than to their enemies by the bitterest efforts of their malice.

Omitting other strictures equally unguarded and unjust, I shall only notice farther a story he has introduced, which I must take the liberty to call a gross misrepresentation. ${ }^{*} \mathrm{He}$ got it, I suspect, from the same fatal friend who furnished him with such a meagre account of other matters, but was deternined in this instance to step beyond the truth, if in others he came short of it. P. 150. "At neither of the Colleges I have named, viz. Glasgow and Edinburgh, is Geo* metry a favourite study : and at Edinburgh attendance on the Mathematical Professor is not deemed necessary to complete a regular course of education. In the session before last it was conjectured that an ancient statute enjoined such attendance upon a certain class of students, and a decree was accordingly passed by the Senatus Academicus, ordaining that thenceforward every young man studying for the Church should fee the Professor of Mathematics. This was one step at least towards the encouragement of mathematical science; and some of the friends of true learning had begun to congratulate themselves upon the prospect of its rerival. But unfortumately; at the commencement of last session, it was discovered that the said antient statute had been misinterpreted, and the Senatus, with becoming candour and

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humility, acknowledged their blunder, and rescinded the compulsory ordinance. Students of every description are, therefore, at liberty once more to attend the Class of Natural Philosophy without having studied Mathematics ; that is, to listen to the most profound and intricate demonstrations in physical science, without having read the Elements of Euclid. The motive which actuated the learned gentlemen was, no doubt, benevolent and humane. It might be more convenient, they believed, for some lads to study Geometry elsewhere, and it would be severe and tyrannical to compel them to pay twice for this branch of knowledge, or to pay twice as much for it at the University as it could be had for every where else. But if this principle were to be a litthe extended, what would become of the illustrious corporation of teachers who have thus given to it their sanction! Logic also might, perhaps, be studied elsewhere at half the money; and if the monopoly of Ethics were given up, the present prices, it might be apprehended, could scarcely be supported. The old system of thirling, in fact, ought not to be tampered with; for, however distant the mill may be, however scanty the water, and however indifferent the whole apparatus of grinding, customers will still be forthcoming so long as they have no alternative. Besides, this accommodation to our poverty might have shewn itself in another point of view : and since their bowels of compassion were actually in motion at the commencement of session 1812-13, the Senatus might have withdrawn more than one resolution. It was barely consistent, perhaps, to raise the fees 25 per cent. in all the Classes, and then, for the love of mercy, to exempt
the Theological Students from attending upon Mathematics." -Now, what will the Public think of this Reverend Gentleman, when they are told that there is not one word of truth in the whole of this statement. The resolution above alluded to, was enacted in session 1810-11, and not, as erroneously stated, in session 1811-12, and has never been rescinded. At the commencement of this session I read it in both my Classes, with a view of informing intended Students of Divinity of the course of study to be prosecuted. The author has here shewn the disposition of a Tattler with the levity of $a$ Buffoon, readily catching at every tale of slander, and propagating it with indecent jocularity, altogether careless whether it had any foundation in truth, and regardless of the characters of those against whom it was directed. He has here given a notable specimen of his own temper and character, and must assuredly be listened to with much edification by those who have some delicacy both in their moral and religious sentiments.-The publication, so far as regards the University of Edinburgh, is one of the most daring insults to truth, and to a great establishment, that was perhaps ever published to the world. To compare small things with great, it bears a very close resemblance to an American State-Paper, wordy, without argument, and supplying the defects of reasoning, and a scrupulous regard to truth, with malicious insinuations and groundless assertions,

## AN ENQUIRY

# VERSIFICATION OF HOMER 

AND<br>\section*{THE USE OF THE DIGAMMA}

IN HIS POEMS.

'THE subject of the following discussion was undertaken with a view of unfolding the laws of Homer's versification, and of examining the validity of certain theories respecting the use of the Æolic Digamma in his Poems. When my attention was more particularly turned to this subject, in consequence of an examination of the other metres used by the Greeks, I was very much struck with the looseness and uncertainty that appeared in the writings of all the commentators and editors of Homer that I had an opportu nity of consulting. While the laws of Iambic, Trochaic, and Anapæstic verse seemed to be fixed with great precision, particularly by the late Professor Porson, nothing material appeared to me to have been done towards establishing the rules of Hexameter verse since the time of Clarke, whose labours in this department have long been considered unsa-
tisfactory. The conclusion naturally to be drawir was, either that Homer constructed his verse without any definite rules and principles to guide him, which 1 could not allow myself to suppose, or that his language had been so altered by ignorant grammarians and critics as to preclude all attempts at establishing those principles upon which he had founded it. Another impediment also, of a tendency still more adverse, arose from certain theories which several critics of great celebrity had formed, in order to account for some peculiarities which the ordinary laws of verse seemed inadequate to explain.-If Homer's poems have been as much corrupted by interpolations and other changes as some ingenious men suppose, then I conceive it would be in vain to attempt any investigation of the principles upon which his versification was founded ; because, we must be uncertain, at every step of our progress, what is genuine and what spurious, and must come to this conclusion, that the Iliad and Odyssey are a mere farrago of some original descriptions and sublime passages, with other pieces of far inferior merit and in a different style. Though interpolations and errors, it cannot be denied, are sometimes to loe met with, yet, I imagine, every unprejudiced reader, capable of understanding these poems in the original language, will think with me that, throughout, with some exceptions, they bear the marks and impress of one mind, too much superior to the common race of poets in invention, description, delineation of character, and every distinguishing mark of poetic genius, to be confounded with the hum-

[^16]ble imitations of ordinary authors. It appeared to me that the whole body of his poems presented, even at this distant period, no very incorrect specimen of what they were in ancient times, and that the language, with some exceptions, was nearly such as came from Homer's lips. Nor am I aware, after having pursued the investigation to a considerable length, that I have "been deceived in my opinion. If I am not mistaken, I think that I have discovered certain laws upon which his verse must have been constructed, as they apply, with some exceptions which 1 shall afterwards notice, to almost every line both in the Iliad and Odyssey. But before either stating or supporting them by examples, it will be necessary to enquire a little farther into the validity of those opinions, which represent the language of these poems as having undergone such changes as to require adventitious aid to make the verse, in several instances, compleat.

These opinions seem to rest upon the supposition, that the language and dialect, which Homer used, were rude and uncultivated when compared with the same language as it appeared in the works of later writers. If we had possessed, as in our own country, a regular series of authors from the time when the language began to be first cultivated, to enable us to mark the various changes and improvements which it underwent, we could then have formed some judgment how far these opinions were correct. But unfortunately we have no documents of this kind by which to judge of Homer's language. He appears all at once, the first as well as the greatest of poets, as if fortune had determined that he should stand alone, the object of general admiration, and had sunk
in the ocean of oblivion every monument that might seem to have helped him to the şummit of greatness. But we are not, on this account, to suppose that the literature of his country, whatever it was, had not been cultivated to any extent, that the language was neither refined nor polished, or that poets of considerable eminence had not existed to point out, by their example, the path which he so successfully trode. Though a veil of mystery still hangs over the place of his birth, there can be little donbt that he was either a native of Asia Minor or of one of the Ionian islands, and that the dialect he chiefly used was the Ionian. It is evident, from the testimony of the best informed historians, that the inhabitants of that quarter of Greece, as well as Thessaly and Thrace, were, at a very early period, far superior to those situated more towards the west, in civilization, commerce ${ }_{2}$ the arts, and particularly poetry. The names of Thamyris, Olen, Orpheus, Musæus, and Eumolpus are recorded as the fathers of Grecian poetry, and even of philosophy and religion; and though some doubt may be entertained whether all of then were prior to Homer, there can be none respecting the first, since he is represented by that poet himself as having contended with the Muses*. The current of Grecian civilization evidently flowed from Thessaly, Thrace, Lycia, and Phrygia, as well as from Phœnicia and Egypt, and carried with it the knowledge and arts which had been previously established in those countries. But it is evident, from many circumstances which occur in Homer's poems, that none of the arts had kept equal pace with poetry. The

[^17]praises of the gods and heroes were all celebrated in verse. The laws of the ancient Legislators were communicated through the same medium. Even maxims of morality as well as the history of events were recorded in the poet's song, and recited to the people by a class of men who wandered about, from place to place, with the view of instructing and delighting their hospitable entertainers. Was it surprising then that the language of poetry should have been cultivated, even before Homer's time, to an amazing degree in the more enlightened parts of Greece, when the other arts, which have no natural connection with it, had made far less progress? Great facility was afforded for this purpose by the nature of the Greek language. Its wonderful aptness for combination; its varieties of flexion; its expressive sounds, and peculiar felicity for characterizing every object of nature, from the study of which it might be said to have sprung, rendered it peculiarly susceptible of improvement, particularly in that art which was cultivated both with the view to instruct and please, not merely the multitude but persons of the highest rank. To suppose that either, on the one hand, Homer brought it to that pitch of perfection in which it appears in his poems, or on the other, that the state in which we now find it, is not, with a few exceptions, the same as he employed it, but that it was greatly modernized after his time, seem to be equally destitute of foundation. Its elemental parts must have been combined, modified, and varied in different ways by the elision both of consonants and vowels, particularly the former: its compound terms must have been rendered less rugged when united together, and its character for the uses of poetry, and as adapted to
all its rules, must have been previously fixed. That he shewed its powers and its endless variety to a greater extent than any preceding poet is almost unquestioned; and that he freely employed, what scarcely any other language could have allowed, shades of dialect spoken by contiguous tribes, may perhaps be admitted with some limitations: For, as I shall afterwards endeavour to shew, there is much less variety of dialect in Homer than is commonly supposed. Still he found the poetical style in a high state of improvement, retaining, however, in a few instances, vestiges of the rude state from which it had sprung*. But I think it may be asserted with truth, that the Ionian dialect, which he chiefly used, had been refined as much as possible by the elision of consonants and the bringing together as many vowels as were consistent with the structure of the component parts of words and the harmony of sound. This practice, which is common in every language, was carried to a far greater extent in that of the Greeks than in those of barbarous nations, where a multiplicity of consonants are to be found unfavourable for combination, and where the constituent parts of many words cannot be discovered in consequence of the numerous elisions that took place. How far such elisions were admitted in the language Homer used, may be a curious and not unprofitable enquiry, but cannot in any shape, I imagine, affect the structure of his verse, as they must all have been made at a period long prior to his time $\uparrow$ 。

[^18]It has been supposed, however, from certain peculiarities in his versification, that he must have used what was called the Eolic digamma, which, though not found in the editions of his poems, nor perhaps in those copies of them formerly circulated among the Athenians, and revised by the Alexandrian grammarians, is essential to the structure of some parts of his verse. That the Eolians used such a letter is evident from the assertion of several ancient authors; but till it can be satisfactorily proved that Homer chiefly used the Æolic dialect; that the digamma, if he did use it, was not a vowel sound, but always possessed the power of a consonant, and that it is
bet and Prolegomena to Homer, has, with a great deal of ingenuity and learning, endeavoured to shew that Homer's language was not, in many instances, such as we now have it in the editions of his works. In this I partly agree with him, but upon rather different principles. His enquiries, if my opinion be correct, go back to a period of the language prior to Homer's time. To proceed with effect in such an enquiry, I apprehend we must try to discover the elementary parts of the language, not merely the letters on which Mr K. has thrown a great deal of useful light, but also of the original parts of words : their combinations should be traced, if possible, to their constituent parts: above all, the terminations both of nouns and verbs* should be attempted to be discovered, because I am convinced that they were originally separate and independant words with distinct acceptations. To discover the modifications they underwent when brought into combination with other words, and the superadded idea they were calculated to convey, would be both amusing and instructive. To ascertain also the causes why vowels, originally short and supported only by single consonants, are uniformly long, would likewise be of great utility, It is to such purposes the digamma may be rendered useful, but in no degree, I apprehend, to the language as used in the time of Homer.

[^19]essentially necessary for his versification, I must be permitted to withhold my assent from such an opinion. I have already said that the dialect which Homer chiefly used was the Ionian and not the $\mathbb{Z}$ Elian: of this we can only judge from the character of the two as they are found in inscriptions, on monuments, or in the writings of the ancients. Every scholar knows that there are but few remains of the Eolic dialect now to be found, and those specimens of it which still exist, with which we can compare the poems of Homer, bear a very different appearance from his language. I allow, indeed, that some peculiarities ascribed to the Eolic dialect are to be found in Homer; but the same may be said of the Attic, for at an early period it is evident that all these dialects bore a much nearer affinity to each other than they did afterwards when spoken by different people who had made greater or less progress in literature and the arts. The decided character of Homer's language appears to me Ionian, if I may be allowed to compare it with that of Herodotus. There are no doubt, distinctive differences between the two, but not more than may be supposed to have taken place during the long period that intervened from the time of the former to that of the latter, and between the language of poetry and prose. But, it may be said, though it could be proved that Homer used the Ionian dialect, still the digamma appears under another shape with equal if not more power : For, according to Dawes in his Miscellanea Critica, pp. 119, \&c. the Ionians used the letter $V a u$, with the power of a consonant, instead of the Eolic digamma, which, according to some, had the vowel sound of ov, according to others the power of the consonant F . This, I imagine, makes bad
worse, for we would thus have the power of a consonant obtruding itself in every place where the metre was supposed to be faulty, whereas the digamma very conveniently sometimes assumed a lighter and more elastic shape. In answer to this, I shall here quote a passage from the Appendix to the same book, which appears to me to convey a correct idea of the original use and subsequent disappearance of any letter of the kind *. 'Atque, says the bishop of St David's, ' de hac re verba Francisci Wise proferre liceat. Cum an' tiqua dialectus paulo emolliret, atque alphabetum elemento' rum numero augeretur, digamma $\mathbf{F}$ negligi cepit ; et ante- . ' quam in desuetudinem prorsus abierit, forma ejus facta fuit ' mutila; ita ut superior linea tolleretur, hoc modo, F; vel
 ' signum aspirationem notasse arbitror; et minime mihi per'suadere possum nempe posteriorem notam priori contra' rium sonuisse ; namque nihil erat cur lenis syllaba ita dis' tingueretur.' Those marks which are found on ancient inscriptions, and have been supposed to indicate the Eolic Digamma, or, according to Dawes, the Ionic $V a u$, are the indications of that rough breathing, which was at first, perhaps wholly guttural, but afterwards softened to the breathing of the letter $H$ 中, and lastly to the spiritus asper which succeeded it. Even the changes which the form of that character underwent, are sufficient proofs of its nature and use. From the form in which $I$ have just represented it, it after-

[^20]wards assumed a crescent shape $\epsilon$, and, lastly, was diminished to the small figure of the spiritus asper, ${ }^{\circ}$. But even though the digamma or Ionic $V a u$ had been used by the Greeks, still I assert that it must have disappeared before the time of Homer ; because it is evident, as has already been stated, that his language has every mark of high cultivation, and of a systematic endeavour to exclude a multiplicity of consonants. As many vowels appear to have been brought together as the nature of sound and attention to the combination of words would admit; and hence that sweet and flowing tone of the Ionian dialect in Homer and Herodotus. It is altogether at variance with its character, to suppose the digamma was ever used but as a vowel sound. To introduce it as a consonant, either with the sound of F or V, would be, in my opinion, to barbarise the language, and instead of representing it in the state which Homer used it, to bring it back to those rude and harsh sounds, which probably characterised it when first introduced into Greece by the wandering Pelasgi from their Scythian deserts.

That the Eolians used such a letter as the digamma, and continued to use it longer than the other Greeks, is not improbable: But before the supporters of this doctrine make any thing of their argument, they must shew what was the particular sound of that letter among the IEolians. In this, they are not all agreed; some supposing it to be the same as ou, as is most probable, others of $f$, or $v$. In support of the former, may be quoted the opinion of Dionysius of Halicarnassus, in his lst book of the Roman Hiso
tory; He compares it with the sound of the ov diphthong in the name of the town Ovsica, commonly written Velia. He also shews that the form $F$, and the Latin $V$, were pronounced in the same manner : so that if his account be correct, neither the digamma, nor the Latin $V$ should have the decided sound of consonants, but rather of the diphthong oo*. In confirmation of this opinion, we find many of the Greek writers in the reign of the Caesars, and most of the Byzantine historians, employing this sound in such words as Virgilius, Ovigyinıos. Valerian, Ova入sgrov. Severus, इeovngos, \&c.-But unless it can be shewn, beyond the possibility of a doubt, that Homer used the Eolic dialect alone, it may be asserted with equal confidence, that he used, instead of the Digamma, the letter B , which was commonly employed, instead of it, by the Lacedaemonians, confessedly of Æolian origin, or the letter $\Pi$ and $\Phi$, which were used by different people to suit their organs. If we may admit the testimony of Hesychius, the letters в and $\Gamma$ were frequently employed by different tribes, instead of the digamma; but if we were to insert them in every place where that letter is supposed to have been excluded in Homer's verse, we would render it utteriy harsh and unmusical.

[^21]I conceive the argument to have very little weight, which rests upon the Latin $V$ being used instead of the digamma, in several words derived from the Greek. We have no conclusive evidence from History that the Æolians ever sent any colonies into Italy. They rather seem to have been wandering tribes of the ancient Pelasgi*, who carried over with them their barbarous pronunciation, and retained it even after their language was incorporated with that of the original inhabitants. Their language was no doubt the same with that spoken by those who remained, but the latter, through some accidental causes, cultivated the arts of life, and carried on commerce with different people, and of consequence, improved their language, long before the former emerged from barbarity. Nothing differs so much as the pronunciation and orthography of words from one period to another, when a language is in a progressive state of improvement. The diction of Chaucer, of Gavin Douglas, and others of the same period, are very unlike that which was employed by Shakespeare and Ben Johnson : and theirs again differing from that of Milton, Dryden and Pope. There can therefore be nothing drawn from the state of any language, when yet in its infancy, to determine certain sounds, far less to supply imaginary defects in the same language, after it has been refined and cultivated to a high degree. This difficulty increases when the language ceases to be spoken, and can only be resolved by a strict analysis of the poetry of the time, and by establishing certain rules

[^22]drawn from the most careful and most extensive induction of particulars, and not on gratuitous assumptions.

But, though the supporters of the digamma fail in shewing what it really was, what was its power, and how long it existed in the language, they assert that it is absolutely necessary in Homer's verse to sustain the metre, and prevent the hiatus of vowels in many places. From the rules which I shall afterwards give, I think it will be evident that the metre does not require it, except in the instance of two words at most*, viz. oivos and siow, which, however, either by a different collocation, or a partial change, may be rendered independent of it. To prevent the hiatus in several places, the $\nu$ is added in the same manner as was done by later poets. Had the digamma been originally employed for this purpose, is it likely that a letter so convenient and useful would have entirely disappeared, even in the time of Herodotus, as we find him quoting a line fromz Homer in which the insertion of the digamma, with the

[^23]power of a consonant would have ruined the metre? The line runs thus;
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& \text { Il. z. 289. }
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as ${ }_{\varepsilon}^{2}$ gre is one of those words which they say always take the digamma, it must here either be omitted, or the verse so formed as to admit of its insertion. Accordingly, Heyne, who never scruples, when he finds a verse intractible, either to alter it to his views, or to pass a summary condemnation upon it as an interpolation of some later poet, proposes to
 the sense. Besides, had the digamma been used in the manner asserted, it would undoubtedly have been preserved with as much care as those remains of a more ancient state of the language, the terminations $\vartheta_{\alpha}, \vartheta_{z y,} \delta \varepsilon, \varphi t, \& c$. which sometimes occur in the Iliad and Odyssey, and were partly retained by write:s of a much later period. But as it never seems to have been intended to prevent the hiatus of vowels, the $\nu$ in all probability was used in some instances, both by Homer and other writers for this purpose, and was not, as the late Mr Wakefield very erroneously supposed*, inserted by the more modern editors only of Homer's works.But let us consider what is meant by the term hiatus. Upon this subject, I apprehend, critics are not quite agreed. ' Vocamus autem Hiatum,' says Hermann in his edition of

[^24]the Orphica, ' non eoden modo in Epicis, ut vulgo in At${ }^{6}$ ticis poetis solent. Apuḍ Atticos enim poetas hiatum di${ }^{6}$ cunt quoties cunque vocabulum a vocali desinens ante vo' cabulum a vocali incipiens collocatur. In Epicis, pariter' que in elegorum scriptoribus et lyricis, is tandem censetur ' hiatus, si vocabuli in vocalem exeuntis ultima syllaba ante ' vocalem, quo sequens verbum incipit, non est in arsi, ne${ }^{6}$ que, si longa est, corripitur. Non ergo hi sunt hiatus:'

This account of the Hiatus, or rather of the Ictus metricus, appears to me to be altogether erroneous. The Arsis, as I shall afterwards endeavour to shew, must always be upon the first syllable of every foot in Hexameter verse, and therefore Hermann's first example is nothing to the purpose in his view of the matter. The ictus falls upon $\delta \varepsilon \omega$ as the caesural syllable, which on that account is not shortened as when it has the thesis in the following example;

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& \text { b. 1. } 15 \text {. }
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In the second line the $\alpha$ in $\dot{\alpha} \rho \iota \pi \rho^{s \pi} \varepsilon^{\prime} \alpha$ is also made long, in consequence of being the caesural syllable, and therefore taking the arsis. In the third, the diphthongs $\alpha$, in $\gamma^{\prime} \varphi_{\varphi_{g}} \alpha_{6}$ and in ${ }_{\text {śsgrespeses }}$, are both short, and have not the arsis but the thesis, as they are not the caesural syllables. What he means by the expression ' neque, si longa est, corripitur,'

I confess myself unable to understand, because both these diphthongs, equivalent to long vowels when caesural syllables, are in this line necessarily short, the one forming the second, the other the last syllable of a dactyle. It is evident, from the whole of his discussion upon the caesura and hiatus, in his edition of the Orphica, and the little information he has communicated in his book upon the Greek metres, respecting hexameter verse, that he had very indistinct and confused notions of its structure. We must therefore, enquire whether Heyne, the last, and in the opinion of many, the best editor of Homer, has thrown more light upon the subject. For my own part, I must confess, that he has grievously disappointed me. Amidst the appearance of great learning, much research, and no small degree of ostentation and dogmatism, it is rare to find a single principle upon which any opinion can rest, or any thing like a regular enquiry into the structure of his author's verse. He has indeed commented, sometimes with more severity than became him, upon the opinions of his predecessors, without adding any thing valuable to their remarks or clearly exposing their errors, and has left his author much in the same state as he found him, only encumbered with a greater heap of useless illustration. These remarks will, I have no doubt, be thought severe, and perhaps undeserved, by the admirers of this German Critic and Editor, but 1 hope to make them good in the course of the following observa-tions.-Heyne's sentiments respecting the hiatus, coincide in some measure with Hermann's, and are to the following effect. 'Verum constituendum est ante omnia qui sint illi ' hiatus de quibus hic quaeratur. Primum excludendi sunt
'illi, non recte hiatus appellati, quando diphthongus, vel ' vocalis longa, quae et ipsa e binis brevibus constare di' cenda est, aliam vocalem seu diphthongum antecedit in ' fine vocis. Ea diphthongus modo corripitur, modo pro' ducitur, sive tonum habeat ex caesura, sive eo vacet, sic ;

 ' num.' 'This indeed is a line which occurs, as quoted by Heyne, in all the editions, of Homer that I have seen, but as it is one of those few exceptions to one of the general rules* which I shall immediately endeavour to establish, I consider it incorrect. There is, as I shall afterwards shew, the elision of an $\varepsilon$ after $\dot{\eta}$, ( $\left.\dot{\eta}_{\dot{z}}\right)$, which, nevertheles, according to Homer's practice, must remain long中. The line ought therefore to be,

 Why is there no hiatus? the ov in this example is the last syllable of a dactyle, whereas the $\gamma \omega$ in the former was the first of a spondee, and therefore had the ictus or tone.After some other observations and examples little to the purpose, he goes on to say, ' Hiatus proprie dictus habebi${ }^{6}$ tur quando vocalis in fine vocabuli aliam vocem a vocali
 Upon this definition of an hiatus, it would be extremely easy to shew from various examples, that it takes place in

[^25]a vast number of instances where no digamma was ever

 rvтo $\alpha^{\circ}$ gryve. Odyss. 9. 438. To these might be added many other examples in which the hiatus is found, that cannot possibly be obviated by the insertion of the digamma, or by any transposition of the words. It seems to be therefore, fair to conclude, that the digamma was not judged necessary to prevent the hiatus of vowels, since, if it was not employed universally for this purpose, we can have no evidence whatever that it was used partially.

Having made these observations, I shall now proceed to state the laws on which I conceive the structure of Homer's verse was chiefly founded. They are not dependent upon any theory, but upon a careful and minute examination of the greater part of the Iliad, and can be established by the most copious induction of particulars. At present, I shall content myself with an examination of the lst book only of the Iliad, as a specimen of the manner in which they may be applied towards the correction of other parts of that immortal poem.

RULES.

1. A long vowel or diphthong at the end of a word, before another wowel or diphthong, is always short, except in caesural syllables, which must be uniformly long.
II. A long vozcel or diphthong, in the beginning or middle of a word, before another vowel or diphthong is always long.
III. A long vowel or diphthong, preceding a short vowel in the end of a zeord, elided in consequence of the next wordb beginning with a vozel, remains long before that voziel.
IV. A vozeel naturally short, frequently forms the first syllable of a foot, whether at the beginning of a verse, or in the middle of a word, in consequence of the ictus metricus or swell of the voice upon that syllable.
V. A syllable, naturally short, wohen it happens to be the caesura, is, for the same reason, made long.
VI. The conjunction rai ought never to be the first syllable of a foot, before a word beginning either with a vowel or a diphthong.

These rules will, I presume, guide us with as much certainty in correcting Homer's verse, as those that have been established with so much judgment for Iambic Trimeters. If they are, weil founded, it will appear evident, that instead of being encumbered with double consonants, which in many instances are altogether unnecessary, or of requiring a new one, such as the digamma, to rectify the verse, the lauguage used by Homer was far more simple, and more regular in its structure than has generally been supposed. To make this as clear and satisfactory as possible, I shall state the reasons which led me to the preceding deductions. -

Some ingenious critics have imagined, that the long vowels, being composed of double letters, were, in those cases in which the metre requires them to be short, divided in pronunciation, and that the former retained the vowel sound with its original time, while the latter was made to coalesce with the succeeding vowel. Whether this ever took place with the long vowels may be considered a matter of doubt. It is more probable that the diphthongs, which are also compounds, were pronounced in some such way; the prepositive vowel, as it is called, being sounded by itself with its usual quantity, except when it formed the cæsural syllable, and the subjunctive being transferred as a consonant to the succeeding vowel. This often happens in Iambic, and sometimes in Trochaic verse in the middle of a word, but never in Hexameter except at the end. Thus in the Odip. Tyr. of Soph. 140.


In the first book of the Iliad the following line ought pro* bably to be read in this manner:

The first rule which I have stated, namely, that a long vorvel or diphthong at the end of a zoord, before another vowel or diphthong, is uniformly short, except in casural syllables, holds no less than 210 times in the first book of the Iliad, with a few exceptions, not exceeding five or six in number, which, bearing so very small a proportion, may be justly considered
as errors requiring emendation. These I shall afterwards notice, and endeavour to correct when I come to the examination of the text. In other books, nearly the same proportion will be found according to their length.-The cæsural syllables of long vowels and diphthongs occur in the same book upwards of 60 times. A few examples will be sufficient to shew the nature and extent of the rule, thus: Il. 1.30.

In the following line in book 2, both the sense of the passage and the metre will be remedied by the insertion of the particle $\tau \varepsilon$, thus:

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& \text { Mồrov } \tau^{\prime} \text { Izaģoro. 1. } 14.5 .
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The common reading is nóvrou Iragioso, obviously incorrect. The poet, I should inagine, did not intend গquéórns and Hovrov to signify the same object, namely the Icarian sea, but two different seas, the Hellespont or the Egean, and the Icarian. He commonly employs the term $9 \alpha \lambda \alpha \dot{\sigma} \sigma \sigma \alpha$ when he speaks of the $\mathbb{E}$ gean; thus, in b.1.1.34. he describes the priest wandering along the shore of the sea:


There are several other passages, in different books, that offend against this rule, some of which might have been produced. But as one or two will occur in the examination of the first book of the 1liad, I thought it unnecessary to multiply examples. The deviations from the second rule in the first book do not amount to more than two or three, chiefly in the word $\varepsilon$ ensin, in which $\varepsilon \varepsilon$ is.constantly made long before $n$, a license not allowable in Homer's verse. With regard to this word, I conceive it to have been a creation of some ignorant critic, who, not knowing the laws of Homeric verse, thought it necessary to add a syllable to \%̀rè for the sake of the metre. I am confident no such word was ever used by Homer, or by any good writer in the Greek language. In both the instances, in which it occurs in the first book, the verse will be rendered perfectly correct by restoring the elided vowel, thus: 1.156 .

and in 1. 169.


There are only two or three other words, so far as I recollect, that offend against this rule: one of these is $\delta$ inios, another $\beta^{\prime}$ 'ßnnat; both of which I shall now consider. The former occurs very frequently and always with the first syllable short, as in b. 2. line 415.

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The emendation here is extremely simple. It is only necessary to subscribe the , or make it with the $n$, an improper diphthong, and the metre is restored; the $n$ then being made long.-In every place, except one, where $\beta_{6}^{\prime} \varepsilon_{\lambda \eta}{ }^{2} \alpha$ occurs, there is no violation of the rule; thus, 11. 5. 284.


But in book 11.1. 380, the $\eta$ in $\beta^{\prime} \dot{\partial} \lambda n \alpha i$, must be made short as it stands in all the common editions; thus,

In the Cod. Venet. edited by Villoison, the true reading has been preserved, viz. $\beta_{6}^{\prime} \varepsilon_{\lambda s u \ell}$, the second sing. pres. passive, formed from $\beta^{\prime} \leqslant \lambda \lambda n \mu$, of the second conjugation.

There are a very few deviations from the third rule, particularly where the conjunction $\dot{n}$ occurs, which shall be afterwards noticed. The fourth rule requires more illustration than any of the preceding, as from it, if properly established, the most important emendations will necessarily flow. In the different feet used by the poets, there is always, what is technically called, the ictus metricus or stress of the voice upon one particular syllable of each foot according to the nature of the verse. This Ictus has been called by Hermann and his followers, the Arsis, or rising inflexion of the voice upon that syllable, while the other syllable or syllables
have the thesis or falling inflexion. Thus, in the word nád tùre, the arsis is upon the first syllable, which is pronounced long with the rising inflexion, while the other syllable has the thesis or downward slide, and is not so much lengthened. -In iambic verse the ictus or arsis is upon the second syllable of an iambus: the second of a spondæus: the last of an anapæstus, and, as is usually stated, upon the middle syllable of a tribrachys and dactyle, but, I imagine, with more propriety equally upon the two last, because the first is a resolution of an iambus and the other of a spondrus. In trochaic verse, on the contrary, the ictus is upon the first of each foot, or, when the long syllable is resolved into two short, equally upon both, i. e. they have an equal tone. So also in hexameter verse, the ictus or arsis is always upon the first syllable of the foot. Though we have no other data to guide us in the pronunciation of this species of verse, it appears almost certain that the first syllable of every foot must have been pronounced with the rising inflection and consequent swell of the voice to give melody to the verse; and that, even though the syllable was naturally short, such an increase of time was thereby given to it as to make it long in the recitation. Upon what other principle can we account for the lengthening of those short cæsural syllables that occur so frequently in Homer*? It is not from their occur-

[^26]rence in any particular place, for they are to be found at the commencement of almost every foot. If it be said that it is in consequence of the pause ; I must be allowed to ask upon what principle does that pause depend? It is not because they terminate particular words that they are made long, but because they form the first syllable of a foot; which in consequence, whether at the end, at the beginning, or in the middle of a word, must be pronounced equal in length to a syllable naturally long to preserve the harmony of the verse. With what particular cadence and accent hexameter verse ${ }^{\text {* }}$ was chaunted or sung we can never learn : It was certainly not monotonous, but required the sound to be regulated in such a manner as, consistent with the nature of the feet, would make them most agreeable to the ear : and this, I apprehend, could
 Heyne echoes nearly the same sentiments. If this can be said to account for the structure of the verse, any thing is admissible. If the aspirate had such a power in words purely Greek, we might reasonably suppose that in those Latin words formed from the Greek, which substituted an II for the aspirate, that letter would have the power of a consonant in supparting short vowels. That this, however, never happens, but that $H$ is merely a rowel sound, and never sustains a vowel or a short syilable, is known to every scholar.

[^27]only be done by giving a particular tone or swell to the first syllable. Upon this principle depends the lengthening of all cæsural syllables, as well vowels and diphthongs as short syllables. Upon it also depends, what has, I imagine, hitherto escaped observation, the lengthening of many short syllables both in the beginning and in the middle of words; a circumstance which has perplexed grammarians exceedingly, and obliged them to have recourse to expedients to support the metre, which led to a corruption of the language. To establish this opinion it will be necessary to adduce some examples.-It is well known to every one conversant with the writings of Homer, that many syllables, naturally short, form the first, both of dactyles and spondees; that wherever the succeeding consonant would admit of being doubled, or the vowel transformed into its diphthong, this method was adopted, while in other words, that would not admit of such an expedient, the syllable was considered long by poetic licence. Surely it might have been supposed, that Homer would not have so far violated the orthography or regular structure of the language as to double consonants, at one time, for the sake of his verse, while, at other times, he left the vowels unsupported by any such props. Poetical licences and peculiarity of dialect, so constantly in the mouths of his critics and commentators, have vitiated his language and concealed the principles upon which his verse has been founded. In the first book of the Iliad, 1. 14. we have an example, and a very strong one, in corroboration of the principle which I have laid down.

In this line the $A$ in $A \pi^{\prime} \lambda \lambda$ avos is long, as well as in 1. 21. and 36 ., as being the first of the foot. How else could it possibly be long, since it is short in several other examples, such as the following, and is supported only by a single consonant?


This word, as Heyne observes, does not appear to have had the $\pi$ doubled in any manuscript or edition of Homer with which he was acquainted, and must therefore be considered as having the a lengthened when the first syllable of the foot, upon the principle I have laid down, or upon the unsatisfactory dogma of poetical licence. The noted line,
 be explained on the same principle only. It will not, I presume, be contended that the $\rho$ is ever doubled in "A $\rho_{\rho}$ s, or that even in this example, it retards the sound; for if it did so in the first, why not in the other? The A in the former is made long, as being the first syllable of the foot and having the ictus; in the latter, as being the last syllable of the dactyle, and consequently short, as it naturally is. In the following line the $\varepsilon$ of $i i$ ies can have no support from the next word by doubling the cousonant, as this never takes place in a proper name:

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How comes it that the in spliato, b. 5. 1. 61. is long,
when the same syllable in $\varphi i^{\prime} \lambda_{0}^{\prime}$ and $\varphi \cdot \lambda^{\prime} \lambda^{\prime} \omega$ is short? Eustathius, Clarke informs us, derives it from pidnjes, but he does not tell us why the antepenult in that word is long. Clarke's own account is just as unsatisfactory as can well be imagined, and depends upon no one principle drawn from the formation of the particular tenses he has specified in his note upon I. 338. of the 1st. book. The 1 , in this verb, whether it may be considered the imperfect middle of pidnnes, or the first aorist,
 forms, as here, the first syllable of the foot. As a farther illustration, 1 may adduce such words as ädúveros, éxóporos,
 398. of the first book, Clarke has the following observation. - In vocum quarundam plusquam trisyllabarum pede priori ${ }^{6}$ apud Græcos, præsertim cum syllabæ primæ vocalis sit ${ }^{6}$ ${ }^{6}$ vel $i$ adeo parum in pronuntiando tribrachyn inter dac${ }^{6}$ tylum que interest, ut uterque potuerit legitime usurpari.' If there was little difference in the pronunciation of the three first syllables of ėdóyazos, between a tribrachys and a dactyle, why should Homer not have freely admitted the tribrachys into his verse? It was by the pronunciation that the harmony of it was felt, and we may rest assured that no such pronunciation as a tribrachys admits could possibly have been allowed. 'A Acyyeros occurs very often in almost every book of the Iliad with the first syllable long, not by position, it is evident, nor being naturally so, for the privative $\alpha$ is always short, but because it is the first syllable of the foot and requires the swell of the voice. חgrapiôns, and the others have the first syllable lengthened for the same reason. Why also
do we find the "in $\delta$ sometimes made long, for Homer surely could easily have placed such a word in the line so as to preserve the natural quantity of the syllable? b. 3. $35 \%$

The same ignorance has been displayed, in a more egregious manner, respecting a number of words whose penults and antepenults being naturally short, were, by Homer, made long in consequence of being the first of a foot. These, with others which began with short vowels, have been made long, in numerous instances, by doubling the consonant, if the short vowel preceded one, in others by changing the vowel into its own diphthong, and in a few, by the arbitrary use of the digamma. In this manner the ancient and correct orthography of the language has been completely changed, and new forms given to words under the sanction of poetical licence-and varieties of dialect, which $\mathbb{I}$ firmly believe no poet would have ventured upon, and am confident never existed. They took their origin from an incorrect pronunciation of the words, arising from a total ignorance of this principle of Homer's versification. What I think will put this matter almost beyond a doubt is, that these consonants' are seldom doubled except after short vowels, forming

[^28]the first syllables either of dactyles or spondees. The same observation holds respecting short vowels being changed into their own diphthongs in similar situations. To prove this, it will be necessary to produce a number of examples. The word 'o八v $\mu \pi \frac{5}{}$, it is well known, occurs often with the first syllable short, as it naturally is, thus,


But in lines 425 and 499 , the $o$ is changed into its own diphthong to make the syllable Iong, thus,



In both these lines, and in every other where the diphthong is substituted for the short vowel, the syllable is the first of the foot, and must have been made long by the tone given to it in pronunciation without the aid of the diphthong. If we, besides, consider, that neither the long vowels nor the diphthongs were in existence in the time of Homer, it will be evident beyond a doubt, that in instances of this kind, and others already mentioned, a lengthened tone was merely given to the short vowel. -The same imovation has been made upon the compounds of to $\begin{aligned} \\ \text { jo }\end{aligned}$ thus we meet with
 I may assert with perfect truth, that in almost every instance where the diphthong is substituted for the short vowel, the syllable is the first of the foot. The same remark holds
with oinoparyy, the first word in the second line of the first book. It ought to be 'orousevy, and accordingly, I have made it so in the text, with other changes of a similar kind. But the greatest injury to Homer's, and I may say to the Greek language, has been occasioned by the doubling of consonants, particularly the $\sigma$ in the dative plural of noums, and some of the tenses of verbs. In almost every instance, with a very few exceptions, which require emendation, these consonants, as already stated, have been doubled after syllables forming the first of a foot. Thus in the 4th line of the lst book.

Now, I affirm that the correct reading ought to be $\kappa v \nu \bar{\delta} \sigma t /$, as the syllable $\varepsilon_{5} \uparrow$ is the first of the foot. In line 33 , the Bin ${ }^{\prime \prime} \delta \partial \varepsilon \sigma \varepsilon \nu$ is doubled under the same pretext, and with as
 stances in verbs are so numerous that I shall only specify a few of them, thus, l. 54.


* I here adopt Heyne's reading, see note.

[^29]The syllable $\lambda \varepsilon$, it will be seen is here the first of the foot. A few more examples will be sufficient at present, as $\mathbf{I}$ shall resume the subject afterwards in a note, thus,

In the following example the $\sigma$ is doubled in the second syllable of the foot: but a very slight change, common enough in Homer's poetry, will rectify the metre: thus, instead of $\frac{2}{2} \mu \dot{\varepsilon} \sigma \sigma=\sigma \sigma i v$, the line should run thus,

Withont multiplying examples, it will be sufficient at present to observe, that this principle docs not hold merely in caesural syllables, such as Clarke has frequently pointed out in several of his notes upon the lliad and Odyssey, but in four different ways. I. In caesural syllables, ending with a long vowel, or a diphthong before another vowel or diph-
thong, which in other cases is uniformly short. II. In caesural syllables, naturally short, which are in consequence made long. III. In a short syllable at the beginning of a word, when it happens to be the first of a foot; And IV. In a short syllable in the middle of a word, when it also is made the first of a foot. The examples I have already given, and an infinite number of others that occur in almost every page of the Iliad and Odyssey, will be sufficient, I should think, to establish the principle*.

Although it appears to me from these and other examples which might be produced, that this law holds to the extent I have mentioned, yet when I perceive the emendations that must of consequence flow from it, I feel a considerable degree of anxiety respecting the reception they may meet with from those who have already formed theories, or are not much conversant with such investigations. If it shall be shewn, upon clear and positive evidence, that either the principles I

[^30]$\dagger$ The same rule holds in a variety of instances, in Latin Hexameter verse, where we find syllables naturally short, and unsupported by any consonants, made long by forming the first of a foot. That they do not occurso often in Latin as in Greek, is owing to the greater number of consonants. in the former. The following examples will serve to illustrate the general: principle.

| Muneribus; tibi pampineo gravidūs aūtumnus. Ille, latus niveum molli fultūs Hy̆̌acintho. | Virg. Geo. 2. 1E Ecl. 6. 53. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Omnia vincit amōr : et nos cedamus amori. | Ecl. 10. 69. |
| Dona dehisc, nuro graviä, sectoque elephanto: |  |

have laid down are wrong, or any of the conclusions drawn from them fallacious, I will most readily give then up. But I shall not consider them in any manner invalidated by a $f r o$ examples that may be produced against them, because, ubless they shall be very numerous, and supported by something more than mere opinion, I shall consider them as errors reguiring emendation.

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## NOTES

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 ly changed into its own diphthong, being the first syllable of the foot.
 always to have the digamma. Here, however, in its compound state, he finds it impossible to have it inserted. In other places, where the same word occurs, the digamma is
 i $\theta$ $\theta$ ¢for" It may be stated as a general observation, which will, I believe, admit of very few exceptions, that all those words which in their simple state are said to have been pronounced with the digamma, have it not when compounded. An indubitable proof that they were, at least in How merss time, always pronounced without it as a consonant.


 lorum syllabis non mediis facile fieri potuit (quod et in omnibus linguis interdum usu venit), ut quod scriptum fuerat
 Heyne's and Villoison's editions, is certainly the true one;
 shewn, for doubling consonants at pleasure. In book v. lin.
684. the same word, so far as regards the two first syllables,


 into its own diphthong, with the view of lengthening the first syllable of the foot, I have restored what I conceive to be the original reading. See 1. 26.62. \&c.

In the last word I have expunged one of the liquids, which has evidently been inserted to make the preceding syllable long by position. It is, however, the first of the foot, and therefore needs no such support. In most instances the penult of this word is short, which I conceive to have been the original mode of pronouncing it: thus, ${ }^{\prime} \Omega$ ' $A \chi เ \lambda \varepsilon \tilde{y} .1 .74$. $\Pi \eta=$
 same observation exiends to 'o $\delta_{v \sigma \sigma \text { èvs, }}$ which should, I apprehend, be 'odvesìs.
10. Noũгov I have changed into Nórov. I do not, however, wish it to be understood that the short vowels were never changed into their own diphthongs in nouns and verbs; but there is no necessity for it in the first syllable of a foot.

"Erat $\lambda^{\prime} \dot{\sigma} \alpha \tau \varepsilon$, says Heyne, et $\partial \delta \chi^{\varepsilon} \sigma \theta \varepsilon$ editum ubique ante Barnes, quod in codd. plerumque legitur: in $\lambda$ v́rouzs tamen metro media repugnat. Vide Clarke. Idem nihilominus Apollon. de Syntax. p. 20. agnoscit, cum Theod. Gaz. p. 149. et codd. pars $\lambda_{j}^{\prime}$ reses et $\delta_{s \chi s \sigma \theta \varepsilon}$ junctim, est inter hos Vrat. c. Tounl. unus Vindob. Neque aliter Eustathius legit, qui tae men Scholion servavit." The reading which Heyne has adopted, and which was approved of by the Edinburgh Reviewers, No. 28. is unsupported by any good authority, and is a violation of idiom. I call it a violation of idiom, not be-
cause the infinitive is substituted in place of the imperative, which is common enough, but because in no sentence of the kind, connected with the preceding by the connective particle $\delta \%$, and consisting of two members, the one depending as a consequence upon the other, is the particle $\tau \varepsilon$ ever used without being followed by $x \alpha i$. The reading which I have given is evidently the true one, being supported by the best authorities; and is a strong proof of the justness of the principle which I have endeavoured to establish, though it does not appear to have been known to those who preserved this reading. The fact seems to be, that they knew just as little of the peculiarities of Homer's versification as his modern editors, otherwise they would not have retained those unwarrantable innovations upon the language which appear in every manuscript and copy. The examples I have already produced might be sufficient to justify me in adopting this reading: I shall, however, add one or two more that bear a close resemblance. Thus, in b. I. 1. 78. and 561. the $\ddot{z}$ in $\dot{\text { ofopost }}$ and in $\dot{o}^{2}$ tack is long, being the first syllable of the foot.


So also in $\begin{gathered}t \\ i \\ \omega\end{gathered}, 1.204 .170$.
But in line 558. the $\hat{\imath}$ of ot'w is short, being the last of a dactyle, and retaining its common short sound ; thus,

But, perhaps, a better illustration of this will be found in the patronymic K ¢ovious, and some others of a similar description.


 this book, has recourse to the practice of the Attic poets in
lengthening the last syllable of the accusative, in such words as $\mathrm{A} \chi^{\circ} \lambda \lambda^{\prime} \dot{\alpha}, \Theta^{\ominus} \sigma^{\prime} \dot{\varepsilon} \dot{\tilde{\alpha}}$, to shew that the same analogy holds in the instance of ${ }^{\prime}{ }_{\rho}{ }^{\prime}$ oviay, \&c. Sequitur, says he, nimirum accusativus iste an logiam genitivi, in lingua tum Attica, tum Ionica. However it may hold among the Attic poets, I doubt very much if it can at all extend to the Ionic writers. It appears to me, that the doctrine $I$ have been endeavouring to establish will give us a much better solution than either the Scholion or Clarke. Wherever the "is lengthened in $\mathrm{K}_{\text {grvian, }}$, it will be found to be the first syllable in the foot, and will therefore have the next syllable short in the oblique cases. Wherever, on the other hand, it is short, we shall find it the third syllable, and followed by a long vowel, or the syllable lengthened. Thus,

The same observation extends to the perfect participle of



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In buth these lines the a is long, though the verb is in the present tense, solely because it is the first syllable of the foot. In the following it is short,


As sribotrov, says Heyne, was pronounced with the digamma, the ov in viò must thereby be lengthened. To get rid of this obstruction to the digamma, he proposes to read viz.

The $y_{y}$ in this line, as it stands in all the editions, violates the first rule. Homer's usual expression for either and or is, "ै

 before another vowel, leaves, notwithstanding, the preceding vowel long.

I have great doubts whether ávtoowosy be the true reading. It is not likely that Homer would have formed it, as grammarians say, from ${ }_{\alpha}^{\alpha} v \tau \iota \alpha_{\alpha} \omega$, by doubling the half of the contracted $a$. He must either have formed it from úysiow, or the reading ought to be \&ُy $\begin{gathered}\alpha \alpha^{\alpha} \omega \sigma \alpha y, \text { which I would prefer. The }\end{gathered}$
 104, and some other words.
33. ${ }^{\prime \prime}{ }_{5}{ }^{\mu} \varphi \varphi_{\alpha} \tau^{\prime}{ }^{\prime} \delta \delta \varepsilon \varepsilon \sigma \varepsilon \nu$. - In all the editions the $\delta$ is doubled.

I have here given what I conceive to be the genuine reading. 触oouos is the common reading. The present agrees with etymology, and is supported by rule 4.

The common reading is $\Sigma \mu \omega \theta \varepsilon \tilde{\nu}$, which violates rule 1. The diphthong $z v$ is subject to the same law as the others: thus,
 tive of this word ended in ros and not in $\varepsilon$, , like most other appellations. Damm, in his Lexicon, says $\Sigma \mu, y \theta \varepsilon v \rho, ~ n o m i n e ~$ Apollinis, qui et $\Sigma_{\mu} \mu_{v} \theta_{6}, \&$ c. There is no other epithet of Apollo with a similar termination. We have $\Lambda \dot{\psi}$ zoos, Nopesos, Án่ $\iota_{0}$, \&c. It must be considered an adjective like these, having ' $\lambda \pi \sigma^{\prime} \lambda \lambda \omega y$ understood. Thus the Scholia, $\varepsilon \pi \sigma \theta \varepsilon \tau 0 y$


इpuverov. Almost all the epithets bestowed upon gods or hes roes, either from their birth-place, or some achievement, terminate in cos. Thus Tydeus is called by Homer Aircícos, b. 4. 1. 399. It occurs only in this place, and therefore it is impossible to judge whether it was ever used with a different termination.
43. $\beta^{\prime} \lambda \varepsilon \sigma \sigma \nu$ for $R^{\prime} \lambda \varepsilon \sigma \sigma \sigma$, , rule 4 ,
 the copies, changed into $\dot{b}$.

 ways been doubled to support the vowel. The a forms the first syllable of this word both in Homer and Theocritus: thus,

See also Idyl. 1. 15. 7. 126. 135. \&c.
64. rorou for rofro\%. This word sometimes occurs with the penultimate, the $2 d$ of a foot, having the $\sigma$ doubled. In these instances the metre may most commonly be remedied by a slight transposition.

 \&c. Rule 4. And

The common reading is rai oi, which violates rule 1st. as rui cannot be long before another vowel or diphthong, when the 2 d syllable of the foot. It may either be placed as in the text, which I prefer, or xai gor, $\&$ \&c.
100. incodipesvos for ì $\alpha \sigma \sigma \alpha_{1} \mu \varepsilon v o r$. See observations on this word, 1. 444.

Heyne proposes to change toे xgivขou into zà xgírva, because sinds must have the digamma.
 Without adverting to every change of a similar nature, it will be sufficient here to observe, that the double consonants are all excluded in the first syllables of a foot.

There is, I apprehend, in this line an error which no editor of Homer seems to have noticed. Therea can be little doubt that $\xi$ yunbe is a compound word, and that the first part is the preposition $\xi \grave{y}$ or $\sigma \dot{v} y$. Now it can be shewn, from numerous examples, that $\xi \stackrel{y}{r}$, neither in its simple nor compound state, is a long syllable, except when it forms the first of a foot. In this place it forms the second, and cannot therefure be long. How, then, are we to scan the line, because in its present situation it is a trochæus, and not a spondæus? Here would have been an excellent opportunity for descanting upon the utility of the digamma; but unfortunately its abettors never thought of this passage, otherwise we should have had it inserted, notwithstanding the vile cacophony it would have produced! It appears to me that the true reading must be $\xi_{\xi 6}$
 in book 23. 1. 809. in both places violating the metre. In
 true reading, as the meaning of the passage is thereby rendered obvious, and the metre corrected. A few observations on line 809. b. 23. will, it is hoped, place this in a clear point of view.-Achilles proposed to the Grecian chiefs, that two of them should contend in single combat for a long spear, a shield, and a helmet, the arms of Sarpedon won by Patroclus.

Who first shall through his armour reach the skin
Of his antagonist, and shall draw his blood,
Be his this argent-studded Thṛacian blade
My spoil from bold Asteropæus won.
These other arms shall be their common meed. Cowper.

Upon the last line Heyne makes the following remark: " Quomodo arma Sarpedonis șupra memorata, 798-9. ${ }_{\varepsilon}^{\prime \prime} \gamma$ Kos,

 the whole becomes intelligible. "I give to the conqueror this handsome, silver-hilted sword:---the armour of Sarpedon let each take as a present. ${ }^{\text {e" }}$ Homer does not inform us what part of the armour each was to get; but it must have been dividcd according to the value of each article. From various passages both in the Iliad and Odyssey, it appears to have been a very common practice to bestow gifts upon strangers, but particularly upon friends, when mutual visits were paid, in token of remembrance. From the generality of the practice, it may be presumed that the friends of those chiefs, employed in the war against Troy, would not be unmindful of them, but would supply the occasional wants under which they laboured, especially as they were obliged, from what we learn both from Homer and Thucydides, to send out detach= ments to plunder the neighbouring country for subsistence.

Hence we find that Euneus, a friend of Agamemnon and Menelaus, sent to those chiefs a large quantity of wine from Lemnos, b. 7. 1. 467. Perhaps, also, the confederate chiefs were accustomed to make presents to each other of some part of the spoil which they had taken. See b, 9. 1. 663. To presents, either of the one description or the other, Achilles seems to allude as being exhausted, and therefore no compensation of this description could be given to Agamemnon in lieu of Chryseis. "We know not, says he, of any quantity of presents or gifts stored up among the different chiefs: Besides, the plunder we took from the cities we sacked has been already divided among the army." Whoever has attended to the common use of the particles $\mu \varepsilon \bar{\nu}$ and $\delta$ 交 by the Greek writers, will easily perceive, particularly after the disjunctive conjunction $\dot{\alpha} \lambda \lambda \lambda \dot{\alpha}$, that $\tau \dot{\alpha} \mu \dot{\mu}\rangle$ cannot refer
 other distinct source, wholly unconnected with that already pointed out.
 reading " ${ }^{\circ} \varphi \varphi_{\xi}$ aùros, \&c.
137. The common reading is, $\varepsilon^{i} \delta_{s}^{\prime} \pi \varepsilon \mu^{\prime} \delta^{\prime} \delta^{\prime} \omega \sigma \sigma v$. Some copies have $\delta \dot{\omega}$ rousty, such as, Sch. B. Vendob. Fragm. Eton. which I think is much preferable.
140. $\mu \varepsilon \tau \sim \varphi \varphi_{\rho} \alpha \sigma \sigma_{\rho}^{\prime} \mu \theta \alpha$ for $\mu \varepsilon \tau \sim \varphi_{\rho} \alpha \sigma \sigma_{\rho}^{\prime} \mu \varepsilon \sigma \theta \alpha$.
 $\mu \varepsilon \nu$, which, says Heyne, emendate jam in edit. Flor. legitur: at in codd. ut Barocc. Laud. passim éş́voopsy media brevi. Et sic in hac voce fere ubique aberratur. The same Editor, finding the present arrangement of the words would not admit the digamma before Egúroorsy, proposed to change the or= der either to


With regard to the verb, he alleges, in his 4th Excursus to this book,' that there were two : figuo, media brevi, traho; ut tamen producatur per or.-Altera ac diversa vox fuit p'vopess, vocali $v$ producta, forte ex antiquo $\dot{f} f(\omega$, ea notione, ut sit servo, tueor, tum custodio, observo, tandem caveo. Mr Knight, in his Analytical Essay, has enumerated four, near-
 3. Ég'va, traho, feqúv. And, 4. "̈g'vecu retraho.-I shall pass over the first and the last of these without examination, as they are not immediately connected with this subject. But I affirm, that évew and piv, or poopsoc, are one and the same verb, having the penult in the active, and the antepenult in the middle, naturally short, sometimes with the addition of an $\varepsilon$, sometimes not. The primary idea affixed to the active voice evidently was traho; in the middle, traho meipsum ab aliquo, puta, periculo, I withdrato myself from danger, I save myself, or I protect what is my own, or for my own interest. The idea may easily be extended so as to admit of being expressed by all the verbs Heyne has mentioned.-But let us examine both in some of the verses where they occur. It has been already observed, that there is no necessity for doubling the $\sigma$ in $\varepsilon_{\rho} \nu \sigma \sigma \mu \varepsilon y$, as the syllable $\rho^{\nu}$ forms the first of the foot. The same observation applies to all the rest quoted by Heyne. Thus, b. 1. 1. 485.

 Upon 1. 467. b. 4. he makes the following remark: " Pos*
 certainly no need of the " 0 ', as the $y$ geg is the first syllable of
the foot. In this line the $v$ is short, as it naturally is, unless lengthened for the reasons already stated. -There is an example from b. 3. 1. 373, which, according to the present reading, requires the $\sigma$ to be doubled. But the slightest attention to the context will show, that y vy, mur, and not y'v, igitur, atique, is requisite. The line ought to be corrected thus:


And now he had dragged him, and obtained great glory, had not Venus quickly perceived.
 "Suspicio, says he, jam aliunde facta firmatur vitio metri, vocali v producta, ita ut nulla medela locum habeat." In= stead, however, of the metre being incorrect, it requires no emendation, except that the $\dot{p}^{\prime}$ ought to be omitted after göj; and is one of the strongest proofs of the soundness of the principle which I have endeavoured to establish. He then goes on to say, "Memorabile est et illud, quod in compositis digamma excluditur." What more could be said to show its complete nullity? Thus, Odyss. 1. 1. 441.

These are the principal passages he has produced in support of his opinion concerning ह́five. Let us now examine whe ther puofea can be considered a separate verb with the antepenult long. The first example he gives is from the 15 th book of the Iliad, 1. 257.

Who does not perceive that $\rho^{\prime} \nu$ is here long, as being the first syllable of the foot? The second is from b. 12.1.8., and

as pive and égév are evidently the same in signification, I apa
 ple from b. 6.1.403. has the $\rho^{2}$ the first syllable of the foot. That from b. 17. 1. 224. requires हृvorres; in b. 10. 1.417.
 Ex hoc fit, he adds, ह̇gขбато media longa, cujus locum sæpe occupavit alterum छُย́voczo; atque hoc est traxit, illud servavit. Sic II. 5. 1. 344.


See also b. 11. 1.363. b. 2. 1. 259.-To establish the distinc= tion between the two verbs, Heyne is obliged to make several violent changes; such as, Ėppévorst for épévodrs, in book 20. 1. 194-5. The two lines I shall quote, as they afford an additional proof in support of my argument. Thus,
 Gos, and cannot admit of such a change without a total per-

 A. 1. 138." Were the penult of ह́éṽolong, according to his account of the matter, it would be contrary to all analogy
 conjugation; the penults of all whose tenses in the singular number are short, except in hexameter verse, when they form the first syllable of a foot. If any exceptions are to be found, they may be confidently pronounced errors, and require emendation. I allow that the antepenult of peores is always long with the Attic poets, and hence some colour is



Medea. 1. 389. \&c. But it ought to be considered, that there are several words that differ in their quantities in Homer and in the Attic poets. Thus, in the adjective "xay now

 жœат $\omega$.

While upon this subject, I shall point out two errors in all the editions of Homer, which his editors have religiously preserved, contrary to an established grammatical rule, viz. that neuter plurals, except the subjects refer to animated beings, are always construed with verbs in the singular number. The passages that violate this rule are the two following, Il. b. 2. 1. 135:

Here $\sigma \pi \alpha \dot{\rho} \sigma \alpha$, funes, being neuter, and signifying no anima. ted object, is construed with $\lambda_{\varepsilon \lambda \nu \nu v a \varepsilon, ~ t h e ~ 3 . ~ p l . ~ o f ~ t h e ~ p e r f o ~}^{\text {. }}$ passive. The reading ought assuredly to be $\lambda^{\prime} \hat{\lambda} \lambda \lambda_{-} \tau \alpha$, as the penult is the 1st syllable of the foot. $\lambda^{\prime} \lambda^{\prime}$ vuro is here the 3 . pl. of the pluperf. pass.; the reading ought to be $\lambda$ ह́八uzo for the same reason as stated above. See Porson's Note, on 1. 1141. of the Hecuba of Euripides.


The second conjunction in this line was, I suppose, $\dot{b}_{\dot{\varepsilon}} \mathrm{g}$, but, in consequence of the next word beginning with a vowel, the $\varepsilon$ was elided, while the $\ddot{n}$ remained long, according to rule 3. Thus we have a similar example in b. 2. 1. 34.5 .

The same correction is necessary in line 151.

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 occurs.


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$\Sigma \tau \tau^{\prime} \theta \varepsilon \sigma 6$ of $\lambda \propto \sigma i \circ \kappa \sigma, \& c$.

As $\Sigma$ nnd $^{\prime} \varepsilon \sigma v$, in all the editions, has the $\sigma$ doubled to make the second syllable of the foot long, contrary to the nature of the language, and Homer's practice, I have thought it necessary to alter the reading. |  |
| :---: |${ }_{c}{ }^{\circ} \alpha$ appears to me to be requisite to point out the effect of Achilles' agitation, and the oi seems to be more necessary with oriferal than $\tilde{y}^{\text {jutog. }}$

 ent opinions have been advanced respecting the first foot in this line. As it stands in most editions it is a trochaeus, ${ }_{\varepsilon}^{\ell} \omega_{5}$ being considered one syllable. Clarke, by no ordinary licence, would pronounce the foot ש̈́al. Mr Knight supposes that : should be $\hat{\ell}$ fos, from some ancient writing; but this would form an amphimacer, or cretic foot. Heyne, with no better reasons, thinks the pronunciation should be " ${ }^{\prime} \omega_{\varsigma} \dot{\delta} \tau \tau \alpha \tilde{v} \theta^{\prime}$, as if he had heard Homer himself pronounce it! It is surprising that none of them should have adopted Bentley's emendation of "\% $\%$, which is both simple, and accords with the idiom.
 digamma; it is here inadmissible.

 producta ut in tot aliis similibus vi accentus: ut censebat

Hermann. de metris, p. 81. cf. infra, B. 731."-I should suppose that very few would assent to this doctrine of Hermann's and Heyne's, respecting the power of the accent. It is so absurd, that it would only be a waste of time to dispute it. Had the syllable been the first of the foot, where the arsis falls it would have been lengthened; as it is not, the metre must be held to be incorrect. There are two ways of reme

 may be remedied in the same manner. Thus, instead of ' $A \sigma=$ $x \lambda \eta \pi b 0 \tilde{v}$, in which the penult is made long, the reading ought

 with the writings of Homer, will easily recollect such changes


In this line the $v$ is long, contrary to what I have stated un= der 1. 141. I apprehend the reading ought to be $\mu \tilde{\nu} \theta o y$ éeve ourdor, as below 1. 221. and 273. and most other places. It is, however, to be found long in some other places, where it would be difficult to make any change: Thus, in book 17 .


230. The digamma cannot be inserted with siral after avitoro
265. I have changed rágrөбто, both in this and the following line, into «ца́тьтто.

In all the editions the nos is long before another diphthong, wai ois ércúgotrt, contrary to rule 1. The reading ought to be as in the text.
333. A similar emendation is requisite in this line, auro'g o ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ हैy


This line has occasioned no little trouble to critics and commentators. How is it possible, they ask, that the antepenultimate syllable in $\dot{\delta} \lambda_{0} \hat{\eta} \sigma_{6}$ can be long, as o is a short vowel, and not sustained by any consonant? Clarke, who never had recourse to the digamma, except when he found himself in a difficulty, says, "pronunciabatur fortasse ¿ं入ovî̃o vel olovvêsi, quo fere modo oĩvos pronunciabatur Winos." Heyne, more attached to the digamma, says, "Turbat metri ratio in ${ }^{2} \lambda o \hat{y} \sigma$. Atque in hoc manifesta fit utilitas doctrinæ de digamma. Nam scriptum fuisse patet ${ }^{2} \lambda o f \tilde{i} \sigma t$, quod pronunci-

 gamma proves here very useful indeed! But before either Clarke or Heyne delivered such an opinion, they ought to have enquired on what principles it could be inserted in the middle of such a word. If ${ }^{\prime} \lambda, 005$ were shewn to be a com pound, and the latter part could, by any plausible argument, be thought to have had the digamma, there would have been some reason for hesitation. As it is, nothing can be more completely erroneous. No other reason is given than that the syllable cannot be long without some support: but short syllables, according to their notions, are sometimes supported by the digamma; therefore the digamma must be here inserted. But one digamma is insufficient to make the syllable long. $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ it's an easy matter to get over that difficulty; double it, and then you are quite sure of being right! Why the insertion of
 But another notable expedient was devised for that word.
the accent was sufficient to lengthen the antepenult! But why not insert the digamma in д̀oỹ̃s in the following line?

It is the same word and the same case, yet here no double digamma could be used, as the penult is short. In the line, however, under consideration, every person will perceive that the antipenultimate syllable in inoñ $\sigma$ is the first of the foot, and therefore, according to rule 4 th, it must be pronounced as a long syllable, in common with several others. See observations on 1. 20.

That igouv should be formed from the contracted participle by doubling, as it is said, the half of the $\omega$, appears to me in correct. It might be the participle of $\delta \rho^{\circ} \omega$, if such a verb ever existed, of which, I think, there is no evidence. I would prefer ig ${ }^{\circ} \alpha \omega \nu$, as there are several instances of the $\alpha$


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Critics are not agreed as to the true reading in this verse. Heyne has adopted iגaropesole from the Venetian copy. The
 2 d Aldus, ${ }^{\circ} \varphi \varrho_{\xi}{ }^{\prime}{ }^{i} \lambda \alpha \sigma \sigma \omega \mu \varepsilon \theta^{\circ} \dot{\alpha} v a \pi \tau \alpha, \& \mathrm{c}$. The first syllables are always short, both in incóopar and the adjective i' $\lambda \alpha 0$, except when either of them forms the first syllable of a foot. In $b$. 1. 1. 386. the ، is long, for the reason assigned. In b. 2. lin: 550. it is short. So also, b. 1. lines 100 and 147.
492. - $\tau \varepsilon \pi \delta^{\prime} \lambda \varepsilon \mu \rho_{0} \tau \varepsilon$. The $\tau$ is unnecessarily inserted in $\pi \tau \delta^{\prime}=$ дяцóv. See rule 4.

 ${ }^{3} \varphi_{\xi}{ }^{3} \varepsilon \tilde{v}^{2}, \& c \mathrm{c}$. as being more agreeable to the ear.
 444, that I considered both the first syllables in \%hoos as short. In this line, according to the common reading, aivtre ${ }^{8} \pi \pi \varepsilon \theta^{\prime}{ }^{\prime}$ ' $/ \lambda \alpha 05, \& \mathrm{c}$. they are both made long, which, I think, is inadmissible. By substituting the lenis for the asper, and restoring the elided vowel only, the penult is made long, as being the first syllable of the foot,

## ERRATA.

## I. De Prosodia,

P. 10. 1. 1. for cujus, read quarum

- (note) for duobus, read duabus


18. 19. 8, from do. for tis th̀, read tis shiv
1. last line, for บข̃y oi, read y บั oi

2. 3. 14. for $\dot{\text { i }}$ oे, read $\dot{\text { it }}$
1. 2. 11. for wai Sogíbov, read nai Sogúbou
1. 2. penult. after deum, read denotans

## II. Dissertation.


22.1.9. for in which $\varepsilon 6$ is constantly made long before $y_{y}$ read in which $\varepsilon_{6}$ is constantly made short before $\eta_{0}$
24. for 151, read 51
25. (note) for Aidioos, read Aidioũos

30. 1. 17. for nor the diphthongs, read nor, perhaps, the diphthongs

## III. First Book of the Iliad.



145. for औै" סios, read " ठios

591. for 甲oòos, read тodòs

Notes.




[^0]:    * Meminerint discentes duas esse longas vocales, $n_{2} \omega$; duas breves, $z_{2} \circ \frac{0}{0}$ et tres ancipites, $\alpha_{2} f_{2} z_{0}$

[^1]:    * Nunquam commune est, ut sæpe fertur,

[^2]:    * Nonnulli ferunt vocalem brevem inveniri correptam ante $\pi \tau$ et $\sigma r$. scil.
     bica vox habenda est et posterior antiquitus videtur esse Kapávógrov.

[^3]:    ＊a prepositionis $\pi \alpha \rho_{g}$ ante consonantem sæpe eliditur；ut，$\pi u g_{\underline{2}} \delta_{\bar{\Sigma}} \delta v^{\prime}{ }^{2} \mu \mu-$ pítoros．Hom．
    \％．Pronuntiatum esse verisimile est，zo｜yavra et izru｜you，

[^4]:    * Hoc etiam synecphonesis dicitur.
    $\dagger$ Hoc nunquam fit in prima pedis syllaba. Vide "An Iuquiry into Homer"s Versification," ${ }^{\text {" }}{ }^{\circ} c_{0}$

[^5]:    ＊Notandum est unam longam syllabam æqualem esse tempore duobus brevibus．

[^6]:    * " Omnis structura ac dimensio et copulatio vocum," ińquit Quintilianus, Inst. lib. ix, cap. 4, " constat aut numeris (numeros fef $\mu$ s̀s accipi volo) aut " $\mu \dot{\varepsilon} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\boldsymbol{q}} \omega$, id est, dimensione quadam. Quod etiam si constat utrumque pedi" bus, habet tamen simplicem differentiam. Nam Rytbmi, id est, numeri, " spatio temporum constant: Metra etiam ordine: ideoque alterum esse "quantitatis videtur, alterum qualitatis."-" Sunt et illa discrimina, quod ${ }^{\text {ct }}$ rythmis libera spatia, metris finita sunt."

[^7]:    * Nonnunquam spondæo sed rarius; sic,

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    \begin{aligned}
    & -4 \text { - } 4 \text { - } 1=-1 \text {. } \\
    & \text { Sopho. Oedip. Tyr. } 1311 .
    \end{aligned}
    $$

[^8]:    * Vide Observations on the Versification of Homer, Part. 2.

[^9]:    * Hujus metri lex est, ut ait Brunckius, ut in 2da sede sit choriambus, si ultra dimetrum excrescit,

[^10]:    * Dochmius est antispastus cum finali syllaba, quæ pro longa semper habend̉a est.

[^11]:    † Versus multo numerosior est cum syliaba dochmiaca casuram fasit

[^12]:    * Prior longa choriamb. sslutionem patitur.

[^13]:    * Versus inter Dochmiacos recenseri potesto
    $\ddagger$ Melius disjunctum.

[^14]:    * Colon est membrruar quod finitis constat pedibus, comma autsm in quo vel pars phedis estio.

[^15]:    * Er ed. Brunc委。

[^16]:    * See Dr Burgess ' Adnotationes in Dawesii Miscellanea Crtica,' p. 416, and Villoison's Prolegomena in Homerum, p. 6.

[^17]:    * Iliad, 2. 595.

[^18]:    

    * Mr Payne Knight, both in his Analytical Essay on the Greek Alphae

[^19]:    * I have endeavoured to point out the terminations of verbs in a small work, entitled an ' Analysis of the Formation of the Greek Verb.' Edin. 1813.

[^20]:    * P. 45 .
    $\dagger$ They appear to me to have been used in a similar manner with the Roman H , indicating a certain sound, but possessing no power as a consonant in poetry.

[^21]:    * 'The digamma,' says Mr Knight, Analytical Essay, p. 11, 'was cer* ${ }^{6}$ tainly pronounced rather as a simple aspirate, than as an aspirated con'sonant, and differed from the common note of aspiration, in the impulse 'which caused the forced expiration, being given from the throat rather than from the tongue and palate.'- It is generally supposed among the ${ }^{6}$ learned at present, that the digamma was pronounced like our $W$, for ' it corresponded to the Latin V , the sound of which was certainly the 'same.

[^22]:    * Dionysius tequg. bs. 347. Plin. b. 7. co 56.

[^23]:    * If the digamma had ever been used as a consonant before particular words, it is fair to conclude that it would always have continued so, and not occasionally. It would also have remained a fixed letter in the lan= guage, like any other consonant, in that state of it especially in which it was used by Homer: neither of which has happened. Whereas, supposing it to have had the sound of a vowel, or a rough breathing, it might be considered only as a peculiarity in pronunciation, and would be changed, like all other peculiarities of the same kind, when the language became more improved.

[^24]:    * See this assertion of Mr Wakefield's in his correspondence with Mr Fox, disproved in an article of the Monthly Review, upon Porson's Hecua ba, vol. 28.

[^25]:    See Rule 1. $\quad$ S See Rule 2 and .

[^26]:    * One of the causes, ascribed by Clarke in his note in 1. 151. of the first book for lengthening cæsural syllables, is, on account of the word following having the aspirate, which, says he, was often pronounced as a consonant, or as the Eolic digamma thus in the noted line:

[^27]:    * I think it extremely probable that the ancients run the words more into each other than we are accustomed to do in pronunciation, and marked moxe correctly the different feet and the length of each syllable in every foct. In this manner greater harmony, and a kind of musical cadence would le given to the verse. A simular modulation of English heroic verse is observed by every good reader and reciter, particularly upon the stage. I need only refer to Mr Kemble's recitation in confirmation of this remark.

[^28]:    * I have produced no examples of syllables that are said to be lengthened in consequence of the digamma being pronounced with the following word,
     proofs upon what might be disputed.

[^29]:    $\dagger$ It is very doubtful whether the short vowel was pronounced by itself, with the time of a long vowel, or whether it was made to rest on the consonant. It is probable, that the latter mode of pronunciation was common, when they happened to come together in the same word, and hence the practice, when the true principle was lost, of doubling these consonants,

[^30]:    * See note on 1. 141.

