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Prologus

tionem notandi acceperunt: & plano quidem eloquio: quo
rumcunq; sceleratorum hominū vicia ac peccata libere mor-
debant. Ex hac veteri cōmēdia nostri latini nō inelegans scri-
ptitandi genus formarunt: & primus Lucilius quidem satyr-
ram latinis dedit: in qua nominatim scelera Rhomanorū pri-
cipium: cuiusq; priuatorū canebat: salibus multis: iucundaq;
dicacitate totam perfricabat urbem. Non certe ista cratione du-
ctus: vt fandi lasciuiam & effrenatam quandā pccitatem ex-
erceret: sed vt virtutum studia: doctrinaq; salubres excitaret:
& vicia e medio fugaret. Igitur Satyra tota latinorum est (vt
inquit Fabius libro decimo Institutōnum oratoriarum: pro
Satyra quam nos habemus Graij archeā priscā Cōmediā tra-
ctarunt. Post Lucilium eloquio rudē: Horatius Venusinus
successit qui sermone tersior atq; emunctior non paruā glori-
am Satyra meruit. Persius vnūq; librū reliquit: in quo nomē
Persius. suum immortalitati cūmendauit. Postremus omnīū p̄iceps
Iuuenal^p. Iuuenalis: qui quod in singulis Satyricis v̄tibus enūtiū: id
torum suo iucundissimo dulcissimoq; poemate complexus ē.
O mores: o tempora: vt quid nostrates sapere nō incipiunt:
cur vates non colunt: cur poetarū interpretes rapsodosq; non
venerantur: An ignorant q; p̄desse volunt: aut delectare po-
ete: aut simul & iucunda & ydonea dicere vite. Edocent enim
que mala: que bona sint: quid vitia. quo virtus: q̄ ferat error.
Nāz impios / superbos / Auaros / luxuriosos / lasciuos / dedica-
tos / iracundos / gulosos / edaces / inuidos / veneficos / fidefra-
gos / temerarios / audaces / temulētos / indoctos & fatuos / po-
ete lacerant. E contra virtutis candidissimos imitatores laudi-
bus magnis extollunt: & cuiq; suorum meritorum premia
afficiunt. Cum vero nostra tempestate tam pene innumerī
sint fatui & stulti homies / qui neglecto virtutis amore: ad te-
nebras ac huius mundi illecebras tendant: opere precium fuit
vt denuo vates aliquis eruditus & vaser resurgeret / qui ma-
nifestaria stultorum delicta: vitamq; spurcissimā taxaret. Hāc
scribendi libertatem: preceptor noster iucundissimus / Seba-