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A Camel and Jupiter

Camelus se despicit, querulus, dicens,
A camel despises himself, complaining, saying,

"Tauri geminis cornibus insignes sunt.
The bulls are distinguished by twin horns

Illi armati eunt, sed ego inermis,
They go armed, but I am defenseless

obiectus ceteris animalibus.
exposed to the rest of the animals.

Te oro, o Iuppiter: cornua mihi dona!"
I pray you, O Jupiter: give me horns!"

Iuppiter cameli stultitiam ridet.
Jupiter laughs at the foolishness of the camel.

Eius votum negat et auriculas decurtat!
He refuses his prayer and cuts off his ears!

Fabula docet:
The fable teaches:

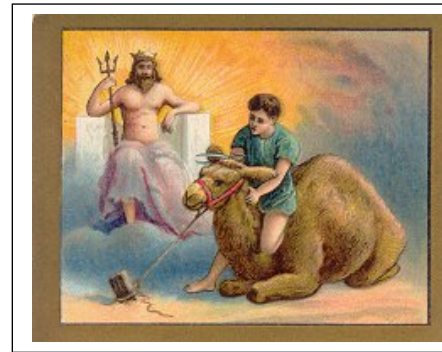
Esto contentus tuā Fortunā;
Be content with your fortune;

multi, meliorem secuti, peiorem incurrunt.
many followers meet with better, many with worse.

Vocabulary

camelus - camel
despicio - despise
querulus - complaining
taurus - bull
geminus - double, twin
cornu - horn
insignis - notable, famous,
armatus - armed
eo - go
inermis - unarmed, defenseless

obiectus - exposed to
ceterus - other, rest, remaining
oro - beg, ask, pray
o - o! oh!
dono - give, grant, bestow
stultitia - foolishness, stupidity
rideo - laugh, scoff at
votum - vow, pledge, prayer
nego - deny, refuse
auricula - ear (diminutive of auris)
decurto - cut off, cut short



contentus - content, satisfied

melior - better

sequor - follow

peior - worse

incurro - run into, meet with