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He persuaded
to take her to Thrace.

Did he take her to Thrace?

No, he became in love with her
himself, and confined her in a lonely
castle, & cut out her tongue; he re-
turned to Thrace alone, & told Me-
ne, that she had died by the
way.

What did Procne do?

She mourned after Philomela; but
before a year elapsed, she was
informed that her sister was not
dead.

How did Philomela inform her of
it?

She wrought on a piece of tapestry
the story of her misfortunes, and
had it conveyed to Procne.

What was Procne going to celebrate
when she received it?

The orgies of Bacchus.

What did she do?

She disguised her resentment, and as during his festivals, she was permitted to rove about the country, she delivered her sister from confinement.

How did they punish Tereus?

Progne murdered her son Stylus who was 6 years old, and served him up as food for her husband.

Did Tereus discover it?

In the midst of the repast he called for Stylus, Progne told him, he was then eating his flesh, and Philomela threw his head on the table.

What did Tereus do?

He drew his sword to kill them,

but he was changed into a hoopoe, Philomela into a nightingale, Progne into a swallow, and Stylus into a pheasant.

What is said by others?

That Progne & Philomela, died thro' excess of grief, and as the nightingale & swallow's voice are peculiarly plaintive & mournful, the poets have supposed they were changed into those birds.

"While Cynthia checks her dragon yoke"

Who was Cynthia?

Diana, from Mount Cynthus: she was supposed to be the same as the Moon.

"Or undhere the spirit of Plato"

Who was Plato?

A celebrated philosopher, disciple of Socrates -

"presenting Thebes, or Pelops line."
Who was Pelops?
Son of Tantalus, king of Phrygia.
What is said of him?

He was murdered by his father.
Why?

Because he wished to try the divinity of the gods who had visited Phrygia.

Did the gods discover it?

Yes, and refused to touch the meat, except Ceres.

Why did she refuse?

The loss of Proserpine, her daughter had rendered her melancholy & inattentive.

What did she eat?

She eat one of the shoulders of Pelops.

Was Pelops restored to life?

Yes, Jupiter had compassion on

him, and restored him to life.

How did he replace his shoulder?
He gave him an ivory one.

What is said of this shoulder?

It had such uncommon power that it healed by its touch every complaint.

Who invaded the kingdom of Tantalus?
Gros, king of Troy.

Under what pretence?

That he had carried away his son Ganymedes.

Who had carried away Ganymedes?
Jupiter himself.

Was Tantalus defeated?

Yes, & obliged to fly with ^{his} son Pelops, & seek a shelter in Greece.

Where did Pelops go to?

He went to Pisa,

Where was Pisa?

" Town of Elis.

It was at Pisa that Oenomaus murdered the suitors of his daughter. How did he do this?

He was informed by the oracle that he sh^d. perish by the hands of his son-in-law; therefore, as he c^d. skillfully drive a chariot, he determined to marry his daughter only to him who c^d. out-run him, on condition that if he conquered them, they sh^d. lay down their lives.

Who conquered him?

Pelops son of Tantalus.

How did he do this?

He bribed Myrtilus the charioteer of Oenomaus;

What did Myrtilus do?

He gave Oenomaus an old chariot, whose axle tree broke on the course.

Where was the course?

From Pisa to the Corinthian Isthmus.

What became of Oenomaus?

He was killed.

Who did Pelops marry?

He then married Hippodamia, & became king of Pisa.

How many of the lovers of Hippodamia had been sent to death?

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What did Pelops do to Myrtilus?

He threw him headlong into the sea.

What did he do after he was established on the throne of Pisa?

He extended his conquests over the Peninsula, which was called from him Peloponnesus. His descendants were called Pelopidae.