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**M**ANE cuiusdam diei cuniculus  
parvus in pulvino sedebat.

Aures erexit et mannuli<sup>1</sup> tum-tump,  
tum-tump audivit.

Cisium<sup>2</sup> in via veniebat; Dominus  
Gregorius mannulum agitabat, et iuxta  
eum Domina Gregoria sedit, mitram<sup>3</sup>  
suam optimam gerens.

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1 mannulus, i—pony

2 cisium, i—gig

3 mitra, ae—bonnet



**POSTQUAM** praevecti sunt,  
Beniaminus Cuniculus in viam lapsus  
est et ivit—sal, sal, saliter—cognitiones  
visitatum quae in silva post hortum  
Domini Gregorii vivebant.





**S**ILVA illa plena cuniculorum domibus erat; et in mundissima, arenosissima domu, amita vivebat, et consobrini—Flacilla, Pupilla, Lanosa-cauda, et Petrus.

Vetula Domina Cunicula vidua erat; acubus digitalias et manicas<sup>4</sup> e lana cuniculosa intexebat, et sic se tolerabat (ego gemellas olim in foro mercatorio emi). Etiam herbas vendebat, et potum theae rosmarini, et tabacum-cuniculosum (quod nos appellamus lavandulam).

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4   manica, ae—hand or wrist covering



**P**ARVUS Beniaminus Cuniculus non  
multum voluit Amitam visitare.

Post abietem veniebat, et paene in  
summum Petri Consobrini cecidit.



**P**ETRUS solus sedebat. Paulum  
aegrotare videbatur, et sudario rubro  
e gossypio<sup>5</sup> facto vestitus erat.

“Petrus,”—Beniaminulus susurravit,—  
“quis vestimenta tua habet?”

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5 gossypium, i—cotton