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And we also briefly discussed a passing reference to the 6th epistle of the first book of Horace:

Quote

If your lungs or kidneys were attacked by cruel disease,

You'd seek relief from the disease. You wish to live well:

Who does not? If it's virtue alone achieves it, then

Be resolute, forgo pleasure. But if you consider

Virtue's only words, a forest wood: then beware

Lest your rival's first to dock, lest you lose Cibyra's

Or Bithynia's trade. Cleared a thousand, and another?

Then add a third pile, round it off with a fourth.

Surely wife and dowry, loyalty and friends, birth

And beauty too are the gifts of Her Highness Cash,

While Venus and Charm grace the moneyed classes.

Don't be like Cappadocia's king, rich in slaves

Short of lucre. They say Lucullus was asked

If he could lend the theatre a hundred Greek cloaks.

'Who could find all those? he answered, 'but I'll see,

And send what I've got'. Later, a note: 'It seems at home

I've five thousand: take any of them, take the lot'

It's a poor house where there isn't much to spare,

Much that evades the master, benefits his slaves.

If wealth alone will make you happy, and keep you so,

Be first to strive for it again, and last to leave off.

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