

# A Ciceronian Witticism Referencing Epicurus

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Yes this is not quite at Epicurus' expense, as Cicero is of course primarily attacking divination here.

Cicero, On Divination, 2.27.59: But are we simple and thoughtless enough to think it a portent for mice to gnaw something, when gnawing is their one business in life?... if my book by Epicurus *On Pleasure* had been eaten – should I have thought that the yearly produce in the market will be more expensive?

Nos autem ita leues atque inconsiderati sumus, ut si mures corroserint aliquid, quorum est opus hoc unum, monstrum putemus?... si Epicuri *De Voluptate* liber rosus esset – putarem annonam in macello cariorem fore?