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- Repeat these steps if necessary.
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Excluded Sources

- http://www.newadvent.org/cathery/09438b.htm

Re-process the paper without the selected sources

Paper Text

Vaticum. —Name.—Among the ancient Greeks the custom prevailed of giving a supper to those setting out on a journey. This was called odosporion, "Caovikum, quad rixiriis comitibus prnnteour" (Hedericus, "Lex. grecc.-lct."). The provision of all things necessary for such a journey, viz. food, money, clothes, utensils, and expense, was called ephodion. The adjective equivalent in Latin of both these words is vaticus, i.e. "of or pertaining to a road or journey" (Pacciolati and Forcellini), "Lexicon").

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