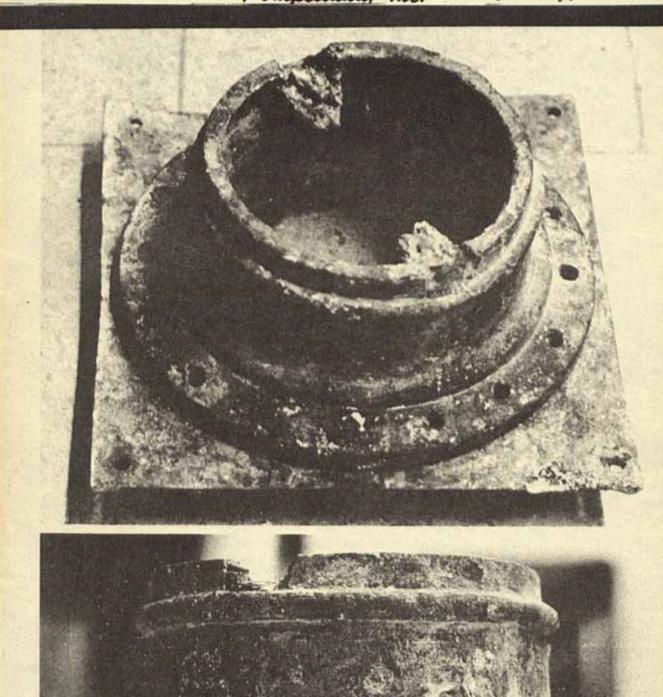
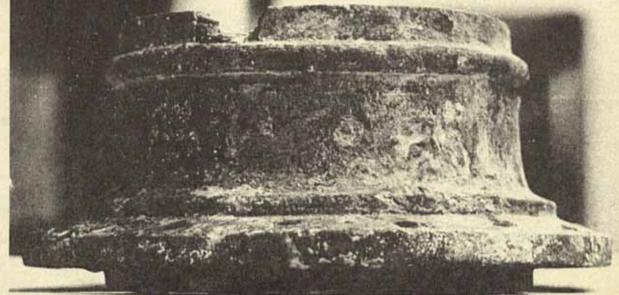
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COVER PHOTOS: Two views of one of the world's rarest archeological finds -- an actual part of an ancient twisted rope ballista. This bronze washer, through which the twisted rope was threaded, has a 6 1/4" interior diameter, and was found at Hatra, Iraq, in 1972 by W. I. Al-Salihi of the Directorate General of Antiquities, Baghdad.

POMPEIIANAE PRAEFECTUS SALUTEM DICIT LITTERARUM CLASSICARUM STUDIOSIS!

In its search for a site on which to build the Museum of Classical Heritage, Pompeiiana, Inc. is now considering a five-acre tract of land owned by the Marathon Oil Company. The property is in a choice location in Indianapolis along a "Cultural Corridor" that includes the Indianapolis Museum of Art, The International Center, Butler University and St. Maur's Seminary. While the oil company is not in position to give the land as a gift to Pompeiiana, it is offering it to us at considerably less than its market value should we choose to purchase it at this time. To raise funds specifically for the purchase of this land, Pompeiiana, Inc. has, therefore, launched its BOTTLES FOR LATIN fund raising effort. The price of the five acres is \$15,000, and it is hoped that this can be raised through this fund raising effort by the end of March, 1980. Initial contacts with the neighborhood association and with the Metropolitan Development Commission of Indianapolis indicate that the facility will be welcome in this location.

Approximately 200 color slides on Caesar's travels and the Roman remains in France and Britain have been donated to Pompeiiana, Inc. by Mary Machado and Emily deMontluzin to be converted into filmstrip presentations that should be ready for circulation later this spring. As director, I would encourage all members of Pompeiiana, Inc. who travel abroad to gather slides with an eye to their conversion into educational filmstrips that can be shared with all members across the nation. Interest in Pompeiiana's free circulating presentations is at an all-time high as more and more teachers utilize this valuable resource. In fact, the demand is so great that we regret not being able to fill all orders during the months originally requested. Following our past policy, however, all orders will be filled as soon as possible (i.e. as soon as the presentations are returned by their previous users).

I would encourage all members to continue to send articles and items to Pompeiiana for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Thank you all for your continued support of our activities.

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT THE ROMANS? WHAT DID THEY EVER DO FOR ME?

Well, other than ...

- ... developing a bureaucracy through which the entire world was governed,
- ... inspiring the grid pattern layouts of most American cities.
- ... supplying roots for 65% of our English vocabulary,
- ... developing a legal system based on fair hearing and legal precedent,
- ... showing the world that representative government can work,
- ... laying the foundations of modern medicine,
- ... promulgating the basic uses of female cosmetics,
- ... encouraging world-wide trade and economic development,
- ... developing the basic religious liturgies visible in many of today's worship services,
- ... fostering the development of art and architecture that led to the rebirth of these interests in the modern world,
- ... laying the groundwork for the eventual development of computers,
- ... popularizing the atomic theory,
- ... developing the basic wind, percussion and string instruments used today,
- ... encouraging the use of a world-wide monetary system,
- ... developing our basic calendar,
- ... inventing and perfecting the basic machines and tools used in construction and crafts.
- ... developing basic literary forms in both prose and poetry,
- ... encouraging the study of philosophy and theology,
- ... encouraging interest in astronomy,
- ... furthering the study of geography and geology,
- ... supplying the mythological references incorporated into the modern studies of botany and biology,
- ... fostering the development of dance and the theater,
- ... and pioneering and developing hundreds of other aspects of our everyday American culture...

... NOT A SINGLE THING.

MYTHS IN BIOLOGY

SYRINX -a bird's song box

The song-box of a bird is called a syrinx. Perhaps the lilting melodies and trills that we hear reminded early biologists of the instrument that Pan, god of the country, supposedly made.

Pan was once in love with a beautiful nymph named Syrinx, who, to escape him, was changed into reeds. It seemed to Pan that the soft murmur of the air in the reeds was like the voice of the maiden he had loved. So, resolving to preserve the sound he made pipes from the stalks. He called this instrument a "syrinx" in memory of the nymph.



CATACOMB

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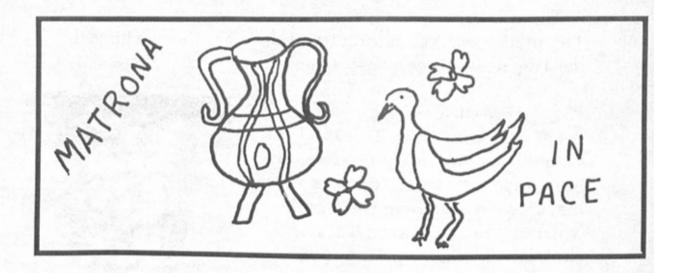


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MYTHOLOGY IN BOTANY

MARJORAM

The marjoram was a flower much used at weddings. The myths say Venus created it and that the perfume is the fragrance of her rosy fingers.

HYACINTH

A flower which the Greeks called Hyacinth is said to have borne upon its petals curious markings resembling the Greek word ai, meaning woe. This came about when Apollo killed a boy named Hyacinthus, whom he loved dearly. Apollo caused a flower, colored by the boy's blood, to bear the letters ai as a reminder of his grief.



ROSE

When Venus ran to Adonis as he lay dying, she pricked herself on some white roses; whereupon these flowers turned red, blushing with shame. The rose was Venus' flower--many lovers send this flower to loved ones.

RED ANEMONE

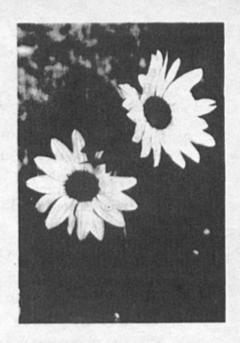
This flower is said to have sprung from the blood of Adonis as he lay dying on the ground.

LAUREL TREE

Apollo loved a nymph named Daphne, but she always ran from him. One day when she saw that he was going to catch her, she called on a woodland divinity for help, and she was changed into a laurel tree.

HELIOTROPE (Sunflower)

This flower is connected with the fate of a girl named Clytie who loved Apollo. She would watch him as he drove across the sky in his chariot. It is said that the god took pity upon her at last and changed her into a heliotrope -- a Greek word meaning "to turn towards the sun."



ARETHUSA

The Arethusa, a North American swamp orchid, is extremely beautiful and hides in remote recesses. Its name is derived from that of the beautiful nymph Arethusa who was transformed into a fountain to escape the courtship of the the river-god Alpheus.

NARCISSUS

This beautiful flower was the remains of the vain young man Narcissus who actually pined away because of his longing to look at his reflection.

CALLIOPSIS

There were nine muses in mythology and all of them are rememberd in the names of lowers. Calliope, for whom this flower was named was the muse of epic poetry and rhetoric.

MYTHOLOGY IN BOTANY was created by Barbara Sumpter, the centerfold CATACOMB INSCRIPTIONS was created by Marilyn Herber, and MYTHOLOGY IN BIOLOGY was created by Mariel Meyers.

These girls were students of Miss Gertrude Johnson, a retired Indiana Latin teacher. We have reproduced excerpts of their posters in this Newsletter.

Since her retirement, Miss Johnson has chosen to donate much of her valuable classroom material to Pompeiiana, Inc. We are very grateful to Miss Johnson for allowing us to share this material with you.

Her continuing dedication to the study of the classics is an encouragement and an inspiration.

WORD GAME

1.	It is of	ten eaten w	ith peanut	butter sprea	ad on it.		
2.	A bran	d of dishwa	shing liqu	id			
3.	What y	ou rest you	ir head on	at night.	108 018		
4.	A gira	ffe has a lo	ng				
5.	What d	lo we use ir	guns?				
6.	You ta	ke one for	an upset st	omach.			
7.	What does a good employee get from his boss?						
8.	They come every seven years.						
9.	Startin	g stakes in	a poker g	ame.			
10.	Bad dr	ivers have	lots of				
11.	A sting	gy person.					
12.	A popu	lar brand	of jeans.				
13.	"Don't		; we'	ll call you."		A	
14.	Small						
15.	A varmint.						
16.	A nickname for Victoria.						
17.	What do wrinkled pants say?						
18.	Not an	amateur.					
19.	A colle	ege commu	nity.		Adda Do		
20.	Susie s	said, "I stu	bbed	."			
21.	Sauces	poured ov	er meats o	or potatoes.			
22.	A teac	her who fil	ls in is a				
23.	Many people die from a heart						
24.	" on the dotted line."						
25.	Dead g	grass says,	"The law	n mower		_•"	
acr	iter	campus	levis	modus	pro		
amo		celere	locus	neque	rex		
ante		gravis	lux	pillo	sine		
bon		itaque	miser	pons	sub		
call		vici	mitto	pressus	tum		
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Special thanks to Mr. Bernard Szymczak, Latin Teacher, Anoka Sr. High School, Anoka, Minnesota. An excerpt of a game recently published in ROMANITAS, a publication Mr. Szymczak publishes monthly.

A NEW BUTTON

After several manufacturing delays, Pompeiiana, Inc. can now make available a beautiful and timely button which features the words PAX IN TERRA surrounding a 4-color photograph of the planet earth taken from space.

Although we had hoped to have these buttons ready for Christmas, the message seems to be always in season and grows more timely every day.



Actual size, as shown 50¢ each

PLAQUES

Pompeiiana is glad to announce that it is again able to supply the popular line of mythology plaques advertised in the 1979 Catalog. For a while, we were unable to make these available—we could no longer import them from Greece. But now we are able to manufacture the items in-house. These are handsomely executed terra cotta pieces designed to be hung on a wall or displayed on shelves. Prices remain the same as in the 1979 Catalog.

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