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Stroller's Column.

From all quarters come appeals to the Stroller for another lesson in ancient history. A lady writes from a roadside where they used to play blackjack, "hit me again," and from the convalescent ward of St. Mary's hospital comes the modest request for another chapter. Those making the request say they need it in their recovery.

For the Stroller to yield ancient history is easy but in this case he will describe one of the principal industries of that period instead of indulging in descriptions of individuals.

As all flour in those days was made from grinding or crushing grain, corn or wheat, as the case might be, between two rocks or in something like a mortar pot, the work of milling was one of the principal industries of the country.

At Pompeii there was a firm of millers known as Lycurgus & Asparagus, dealers in flour, bran, shorts, screenings, middlings, Del Monte, flaxseed flour and Twin Brothers oatmeal. They had another sign on the south side of the building which read "Highest prices paid for Neapolitan wheat and Roman corn."

When business was not rushing Lycurgus would stay at home to look after the rat traps while Asparagus would travel around through the country and make suggestions to the



THE MILL OF TOECORNEOUS & CHILBLAINEOUS.

farmers as to what variety of wheat and corn they should plant. A local was remarked in the Pompeii post office one evening that the suggestions given by Asparagus to the farmers could be properly called "Asparagus tips."

For many years Lycurgus and Asparagus enjoyed a lucrative business but after a while dark hints of their taking too much toll and of there being clinkers in their XXXX brand of Get-there buckwheat flour began to be whispered around.

About that time two young men from Herculaneum dropped into Pompeii one day and after looking over the town for an hour or two called on a real estate agent. When they left they had a deed to the corner lot across from the old mill and two weeks later a building had been erected on the front of which in large Roman letters was the sign:

"Toecorneous & Chilblaineous, Millers to His Royal Niblets."

The next week the weekly paper, The Double Bitted Axe, came out with a big advertisement for the new millers. The "ad." was in the form of an open letter and was:

"To the farmers who dwell hereabouts:

"We invite you all to call and visit our new mill. There is a handle on our upper burr and other modern improvements have been introduced. We are experienced millers and as one of us will work at night and the other in daylight, our mill will be going all the time except when the miller stops for his meals or to spit on his hands."

"We do not intend to buy a man's head at cash price and then work off a lot of mouldy hog feed on him as part payment."

"The mill of our contemporaries is only so much junk which was sold them by a fakir in Jerusalem, where it was used 75 years ago grinding clay in a brick yard. It was also used in grinding potato bugs for blisters."

"Try our Ogilvie brand of flour for sourdough bread. It is grand for making angel food and long meter biscuit."

"The housewives in and around Pompeii are invited to call and witness our new process of separating

official, who, like Mary's lamb, had lingered near, interferred and explained that probably he was the party to blame, and, as the reporter was shy the price, the official was forced to pour oil on the turbulent waters by buying both the wheel owner and reporter a drink.

The reporter had succeeded in getting his story but his interview with the wheel owner frightened him until he was too nervous to write it up for the next morning's issue of his paper.

Hunker, May 31.

Dear Stroller, the only true friend I have on earth:

It is off with Popular and myself in a dozen or fifteen places. We have finished our clean-up during which, by taking dust out of the sack and putting black sand in its place, I managed to "cop" enough to take me outside provided there is a rate war between the river steamers.

My health is all shot to pieces. I am much thinner than when you last saw me, and for some time past I have been troubled with sore eyes.

"Pop" says I look like the old scratch. He is drunk all the time and sees double. For that reason he always addresses me as "you women" and says two wives is more than he is able to support. The other day I closed one of his eyes with the gray dish and when he looked at me out of his one open eye he said: "Where's uzer 'oman?" But it fools him when he thinks he is sleeping in the middle, the poor dear.

I will probably stop two or three days with you before I go out.

Yours in tribulation,

JANE.

Don't do it, Jane! When you come down from Hunker to go out, go straight from the stage to a steamer and if there are none in, camp at the stage office until one comes. If you strike out to look up the Stroller you might get robbed. He would rob you himself if he had a chance. We men, Jane, are not to be trusted.

"Pop" is as good as any of us and better than the majority. No woman knows what she is up against when she marries. You are lucky to have robbed the family sack of enough to take you out.

The Stroller wishes you bon voyage. You had better remain on the outside.

Man From the Creek.

"The man from the creek" is very much in evidence in Dawson today. From all of the various mining centres, laborers who have been employed in the mines have come to town intent upon converting their precious earnings of the winter into good currency of the realm.

The claim owners and men who have been working lays are also largely in evidence, making the best possible disposition of their summer's cleanup.

As a consequence the banks and other purchasers of gold dust are doing a tremendous business in buying dust. There is no absolute or unvarying price paid for dust. Valuations differ on the various creeks, and accordingly it requires a very close knowledge of all the different qualities of dust offered, to prevent the purchasers making mistakes.

There is considerable competition among the buyers and with much of the dust that is sold a regular canvass is made for offers and the highest bidder gets the dust. Among the heavy operators, however, particularly where their claims have been working several seasons, the value of the dust is pretty well understood.

They have had assays made and know what price should be paid and ordinarily they receive that price.

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