

## Glossary

**Aliptae** – Slaves who anoint patrons with oils.

**Alveus** – A gutter around the edge of the *schola labri*.

**Apodyterium** – An (un)dressing room, where a *capsarius* may be hired to watch your things if you have no personal slave.

**Aqueduct** – An elevated channel for conveying water over long distances.

**Atrium** – An open court in the entrance, part of the *vestibule*. Serves as exercise grounds for young men.

**Balneae** – A bathing vessel, usually a household appliance. Also refers to the room containing such a vessel.

**Balneator** – Keeper of the baths, responsible for extracting admittance (usually one *quadrans*).

**Caldarium** – The hot baths, heated from below by the *hypocaust*. May contain a *labrum*.

**Capsarius** – A servant hired to watch possessions in the *apodyterium*. Notoriously untrustworthy.

**Clerestory Windows** – High windows used throughout the baths.

**Fornacatores** – Servants who tend the fire and the *milliarium*.

**Frigidarium** – The cold baths. Sometimes large enough to be a *natatio*.

**Hypocaust** – Heated space beneath the *caldarium* and *tepidarium*. Filled with *pilae*.

**Labrum** – A round vessel containing cold water in the *caldarium*.

**Laconicum** – A hot chamber with no bath, used as a sweating room.

**Latrina** – A toilet, sometimes found in the

*vestibule*.

**Milliarium** – a three-tiered water boiler above the furnace, so called for its resemblance to a milestone.

**Natatio** – The pool in a larger *frigidarium*, used for swimming.

**Oecus** – A salon where patrons can wait for others to enter and exit the baths.

**Pilae** – Short stacks of brick in the *hypocaust*, holding the *caldarium* floor up.

**Praefurnium** – A chamber leading into the furnace room. Sometimes underground.

**Propigneum** – See *praefurnium*.

**Quadrans** – A bronze quarter. Standard admission to the baths.

**Schola Labri** – The space in the *caldarium* about the *labrum*.

**Strigil** – A curved metal tool for scraping dirt and sweat from the body.

**Sudatorium** – See *laconicum*.

**Tepidarium** – An ornamented, waterless room heated by both the *hypocaust* and a large brazier. In baths without an *unctuarium*, one is anointed here. Much time is spent sweating in preparation to enter the *caldarium*.

**Thermae** – The bathhouse as a whole.

**Unctores** – See *aliptae*.

**Unctuarium** – A room in which one is anointed, not common to all baths.

**Vestibule** – An area containing the *atrium*, *balneator*, *latrina*, and *oecus*. A place where servants can await their masters, patrons can await their friends, and announcements can be posted.

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