

THE WATER SUPPLY OF THE
CITY OF ROME



CLAUDIA AND ANIO NOVUS.

“If he will note the high aqueducts required for maintaining the proper elevation.” — Pliny, *Nat. Hist.*, xxxvi. 24.

Claudia built of dimension stone; Anio Novus, built of small stone and concrete, on top of it.
The Alban Hills in the background.

THE TWO BOOKS
ON
THE WATER SUPPLY
OF THE
CITY OF ROME

OF
SEXTUS JULIUS FRONTINUS

WATER COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF ROME

A. D. 97

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Ἄριστον μὲν ὕδωρ.

The chief thing is water

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Quid loquar aërio pendentés fornice rivos
Qua vix imbriferas tolleret Iris aquas?
Hos potius dicas crevisse in sidera montes.

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Intercepta tuis conduntur flumina muris.
Consumunt totos celsa lavacra lacus.

RUTILIUS NAMATIÄNUS, (A. D. 416),
Iter ad Ven. Rufium, 97-102.

Why should I mention the aqueducts, sustained upon lofty arches, to which Iris could scarcely lift the waters of the clouds? One might say these were mountains that had grown starward.

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Rivers are intercepted and hidden in thy walls. The lofty baths consume the whole of reservoirs.

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