

28. PATRONAGE: TO VERANUS AND FABULLUS



followers of *Piso* [p. 227], needy retinue,
 with suitable and ready packs,
Veranius [p. 237], the best, and you, my *Fabullus* [p. 211],
 what possessions do you carry? Haven't you borne
 hunger and cold enough with that good-for-nothing?
 Do any small gains show in the expense accounts,
 considering that I, following my praetor,
 repay what was spent, with small gain?
 O *Memmius* [p. 220], truly, and daily, slowly
 bugged me backwards with that whole tree of his.
 But, as far as I can see, your case is the same:
 now you're stuffed by no less a circumcised cock.
 Seek out the noble ones, my friends!
 But, to you, may the gods and goddesses bring
 much evil luck, disgraces to Romulus and Remus.