**Poyato and Remitroot**

With Antonio Poyato's Remitroot the only viable industry in Alqueria the Hill People, El Gente del Cerro were for the first time in the ascendence. The bye-products of Remitroot, mainly the Liquor are enjoyed by many in positions of Authority in both the Madrid and Brussels Governments. Remitroot grows in only a handful of locations worldwide but the best is from Alqueria. Some believe it is the bad drainage which gives the plant its superior texture and flavour.

The plant was known in the first century AD and imported by the Romans. Known then as Remitus Radix it was particularly prized for its qualities as an aphrodisiac adding spice to many of Caligula's sleepovers. Poyato wanted to use this property of the plant to expand his range of Remitroot products. Being an aphrodisiac he thought it would form the basis of an unbeatable aftershave. Unfortunately a chemical reaction took place during mixing which completely changed the properties of the solution. It became irresistible to the Red-legged Partridge. Platoons of the birds, all in a state of high sexual excitement would waddle hopefully behind the wearer. It was soon discontinued, although a small order is still shipped to a select club in Soho, London.

A remarkably good degreaser is made from the pulped root and the residue, when mixed with goat's hair makes an excellent skin exfoliant. But Poyato knew his fortune lay in distilling and fermenting the plant. Blythe Gruntmore, the village's resident Geordie suggested a Spanish adaptation of Newcastle Brown Ale. Many hours of development, testing and modification took place before Remitroot Cerveza Marrón was born. Probably the most potent beer in the world. Gruntmore sampled the brew. His normal unintelligible and extremely bad Spanish, mixed liberally with Geordie profanities suddenly became crystal clear. It was text-book Spanish spoken with a refined Madrid accent. The effect only lasted for a minute or so before Blythe collapsed in an untidy heap on Poyato's fermentation-room floor. When he came to he didn't know if it was Easter Sunday, Día del Trabajo or the anniversary of the Battle of Bailén.

The beer became an instant success, retaining all the traditional properties of Remitroot but with an elevated alcohol content. It reaches many parts other beers don't even try to reach.
Known as Poyato's Brain Paralyser it is a truly belligerent beer.

Many more hectares of Alquerian land have been put under Remitroot cultivation. The distillery and new brewery are now the major employers in the village. The brewery workers are in a constant state of intoxication from the lethal fumes. It is indeed a cheerful place of work.