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A French manor's sparkling restoration

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1 Villeroy & Boch's 'More to See & Sound' audio integration mirrors, available in nine sizes, have a built-in wireless hi-fi system with six-way speakers that connects to iPods and mp3 players via Bluetooth. So you can shake your booty while you shower; from £2,357 for a 60 x 75cm version. Ring 020 8871 4028, or visit villeroy-boch.com.

2 Money, money, money. It must be funny in anyone's world to dry dishes with a score or half ton. '£20' and '£50' tea towels (top) can be yours for £6 each, and 'Numbered' (bottom) is £24 per set of three. Ring Ella James on 01858 411079, or visit ellajamesliving.co.uk.

3 Bob Rowlett has been in toasters all his life, as was his father before him. Grill him as to why you've not had the pleasure of their wares before and you'll learn that, until now, they've only been available to the catering industry – and then only in stainless steel. Shown is the 1960s 'Retro Regent' model which comes in three standard and nine bespoke colours, and can be yours for £184.20. Ring Rowlett Rutland on 01372 450855, or visit rowletttrutland.co.uk.

4 Danish design firm Hay is awash with aesthetically pleasing bits and bobs for the bathroom and kitchen. Shown from left are a bamboo drying rack (£8 approx) and a marble tray (from £122 approx) to give you a taste. Ring 00 45 9942 3870, or visit hay.dk.

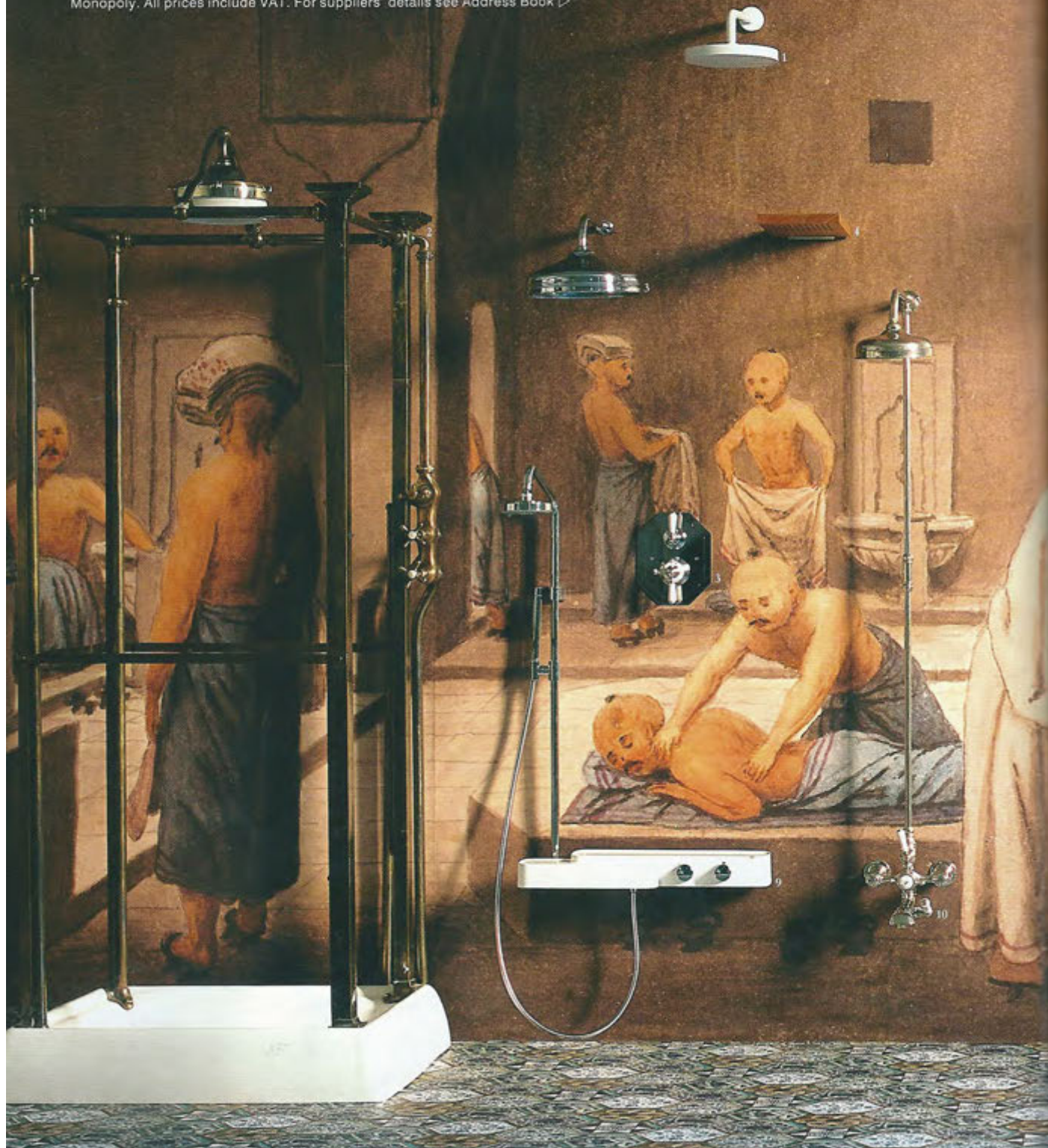
5 Fit for a queen: 'Hanley' is The Water Monopoly's Vitrite version of a stoneware bath in which Victoria may well have bathed during her stay at the Grand Hotel in Aix-les-Bains. For closer inspection visit the company's showroom, recently refurbished by Sue Skeen (*Wol* March 2012); £6,300 plus waste and overflow. Ring 020 7624 2636, or visit watermonopoly.com ■

antennae roundup



LOOS 1 Classic close-coupled loo and cistern, £1,195.20, Lefroy Brooks. 2 'Il Bagno Alessi Dot' bidet, by Wiel Arets, £756.80; 'Il Bagno Alessi Dot' loo, by Wiel Arets, £883.88; both Laufen. 3 'Chaise Percée', £2,562, The Water Monopoly. 4 Victorian P-trap 'Colonial', c1890, £1,625, Stiffkey Bathrooms. 5 'No. 814' low-level cistern, £595, Thomas Crapper. 6 'John' loo, by Rapsel, £3,448.80; 'Mary' bidet, by Rapsel, £2,643.60; both West One Bathrooms. 7 'Palladio', £945 approx, Volevatch. 8 'Evakuo 21', by Prospero Rasulo, £797 approx, Antonio Lupi. All prices include VAT. For suppliers' details see Address Book >

1 Round 'About Water' 24cm shower head with wall-mounted arm, by Piero Lissoni, £1,204, Boffi. 2 Patinated-brass needle shower, c1910, by Shanks & Co, £24,000, The Water Monopoly. 3 Chrome 'Shower Set 3' with 8in shower rose and concealed thermostatic mixer, £1,217, Perrin & Rowe. 4 Wooden 'Terra Marique' shower, by Mihran Rovelli Manoukian, £1,453 approx, Rare. 5 Nickel 'Dalby' thermostatic shower with 'Shamrock' rose and curved pipe, £3,534, Drummonds. 6 'La Chapelle' exposed thermostatic mixer shower, £2,166, Lefroy Brooks. 7 Silver-nickel 'La Cage' shower enclosure, £6,750, Catchpole & Rye. 8 Square chrome shower head and arm with wall connection, £1,425, Fantini. 9 'Axor Bouroullec' shower pipe, £2,136, Hansgrohe. 10 Nickel-plated 'WH-2410-N' exposed thermostatic shower, £1,406, William Holland. 11 French cast-iron bath filler with decorative backplate, c1900, £2,240, The Water Monopoly. All prices include VAT. For suppliers' details see Address Book >



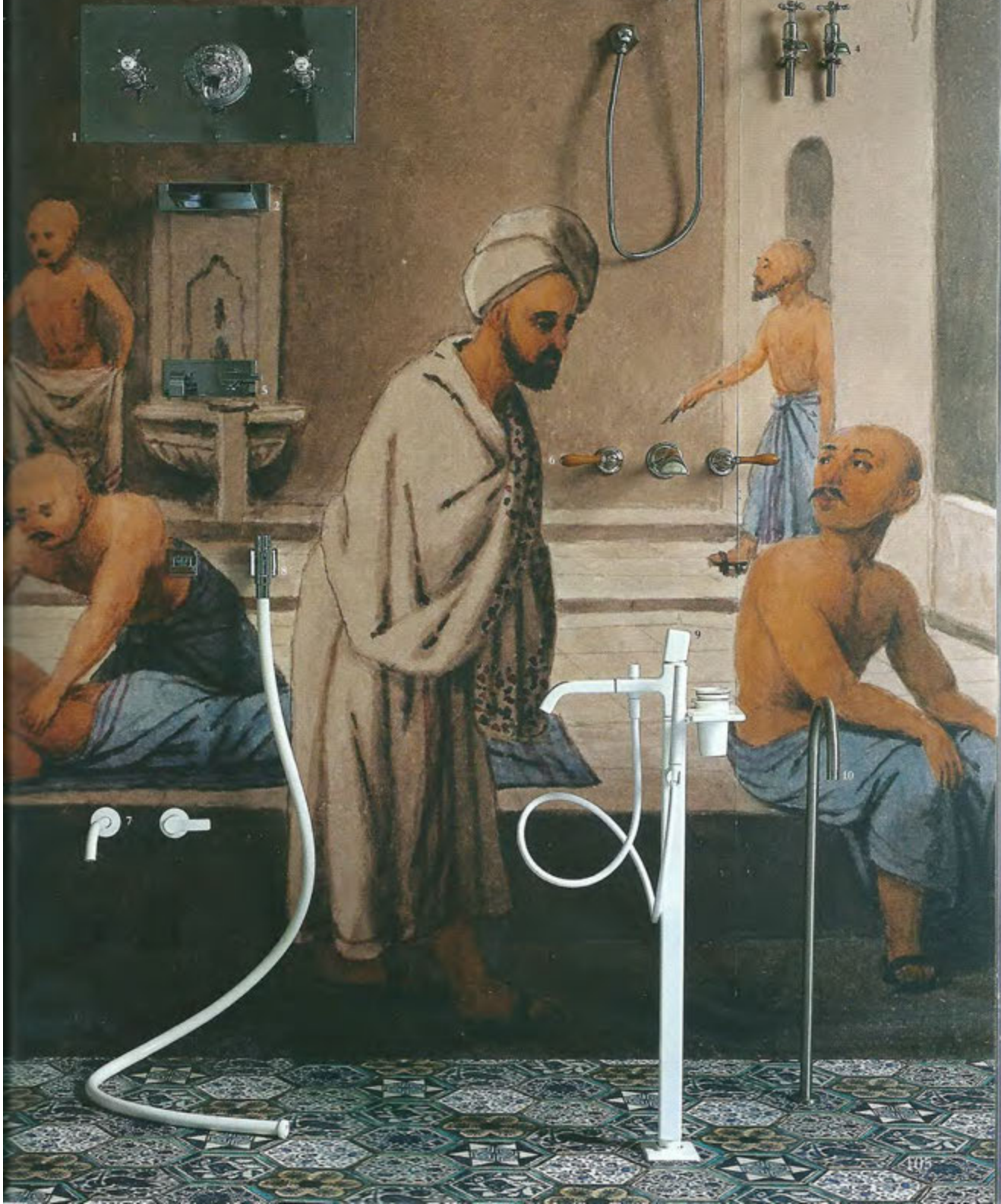
THE STEAM TEAM

If your taps are tarnished and your shower leaves you cold, don't have a fit of the vapours. With elegant curves and enveloping enclosures to tempt you, why not turn up the temperature with one of these bathing beauties, suggests Jessica Hayns. Photography: Bill Batten



SHORTLIST

1 Chrome 'Lion's Head' bath filler with backplate and 'Skye' heads, £2,700, Drummonds. 2 Platinum 'Cubist' hand-shower set, £846, Czech & Speake. 3 'Water Sheet' bath spout, by Sieger Design, £618.72, Dornbracht. 4 Classic basin taps with mull heads, £570, Drummonds. 5 'Rubinetta BK201' tap, by Antonio Lupi, £666.40 approx, Alex Knowles. 6 'Carpe' bath filler with polished-nickel spout and wooden lever handles, by Volevatch, £1,526, The Water Monopoly. 7 'About Water' wall-mounted basin mixer, by Piero Lissoni, £753, Boffi. 8 Polished-chrome 'Water Tube' Kneipp hose, by Sieger Design, £375.64, Dornbracht. 9 'Faraway' freestanding single-lever bath-shower mixer, by Ludovica and Roberto Palomba, £2,634, Zucchetti Kos. 10 Chrome 'Eyam' floor spout, £270, Aston Matthews. All prices include VAT. For suppliers' details see Address Book ▷



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1 Antique-gold 'Antique' exposed single-lever thermostatic shower, £1,460, Samuel Heath. 2 Early 20th-century bath-and-shower telephone mixer, by Shanks, £800, Lassco. 3 Large 'Globe' bath-shower mixer, c1900, by Porcher, £2,225, Stillkey Bathrooms. 4 Brass 'Pontillex Emmanuell' basin taps, £180, Lassco. 5 Antique-gold-plated 'Acanthus' hand shower on adjustable slide bar, \$4,554, PE Guerin. 6 Gold '23cm shower head with arm, £5,107 approx, Serdanelli. 7 Gold-plated twin-outlet 'Absolute' thermostatic shower valve, £678, Matki. 8 French brass barrel taps, c1900, £2,640, The Water Monopoly. Bespoke mural used as backdrop throughout: 'Men Bathing, Ottoman Empire, Turkey, c1809, © Victoria & Albert Museum. Bespoke mural used as flooring throughout: 15th-century fritware tiles, Damascus, © Victoria & Albert Museum; courtesy of V&A Images. All enlargements created by Surface View; similar murals from Surface View cost from £72 per sq m. All prices include VAT. For suppliers' details see Address Book ■

