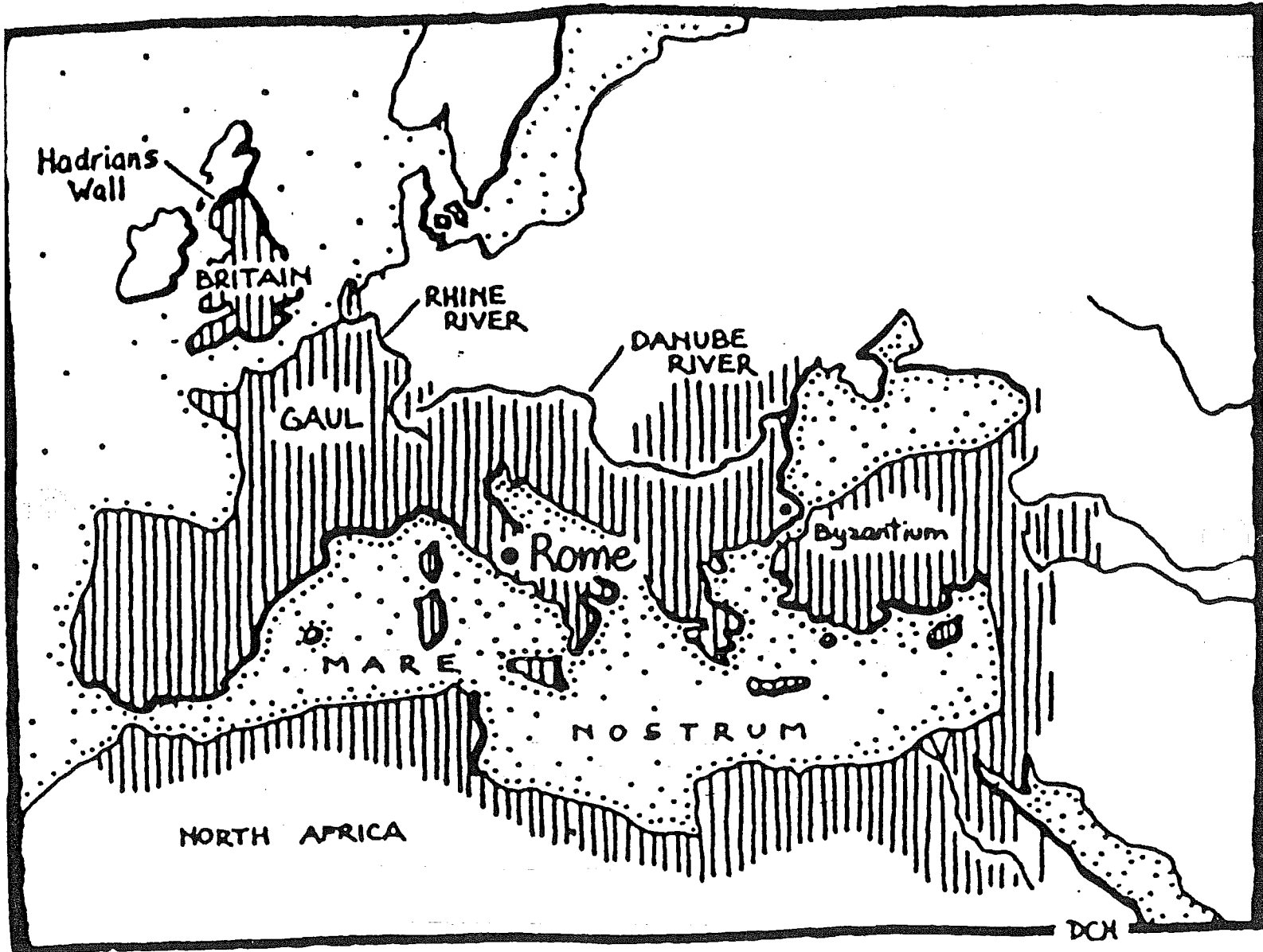


The Roman Empire at its height - 117 A.D.



At its height, Rome thought of the Mediterranean as "our sea" (Mare Nostrum). The Empire stretched as far as the Danube, Rhine and the southern border of Scotland. At this time the word "Rome" meant the civilized world.