

will *Tellno*, do?" "That'll do," said the workman. The result was that *Tellno Lees* went forth as a living admonition. It is upon record that when Mrs. Salmon presented the household with three young Salmons at once, her lord took revenge by naming them respectively,—*Pickled*, *Potted* and *Fresh*. In another case, a baby girl had the misfortune to fall upon an unwilling family, and was called *Avalanche*. Another little one, probably from its volcanic tendencies, was rewarded with *Etna*. But it is impossible to imagine what impulses of genius led to the bestowal of such names as *Ephraim-Very Ott*; *Married Brown* and *Quilly-Booty*.

And so one might go on. The field is broad and fertile, pleasant to linger in, inexhaustible! Some of the points left untouched are, the supposed hidden meaning in names, an idea which gave rise to the anagram: the fact that many names are derived from estates: many interesting myths and legends have sprung out of names: the curious desire of people to transmit their names to posterity, and the anxiety of others to change their names on entering on a new office, or being surrounded by new circumstances: the practice of exchanging names of evil omen for ones suggestive of good: and the large number of common words which have been derived from personal names. But I must lay aside my pen, for I am reminded of what Gerand Legh said of the Ass,—“I could write much of this beastie, but that it might be thought it were to mine own glorie.”

It is needless to say that a writer of an article like this must, of necessity, be indebted to previous writers for his facts. I have searched for them, compared them, classified them, and speculated about them. But I have, also, tried to be interesting, and for this reason I have not wearied the reader with the names of books and authorities.

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