

STORIES OF WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE

The Amazing Song-Writer.

World-conquering songs composed in ten minutes or so!

That is one of the records of Mr. Ernest R. Ball, who is now in London from New York.

The following are only a few of his successes which have exceeded a million in output: "Let the Rest of the World Go By," "Love Me and the World Is Mine," "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," "A Little Bit of Heaven," and "In the Garden of My Heart."

"I compose my songs as the mood takes me, doing most of my writing in the quiet after midnight," Mr. Ball told me. "I did 'Who Knows' and 'The Garden of My Heart' in the same evening. 'Ten Thousand Years from Now' is one of the compositions I did in ten minutes. 'Mother Macree' took me twenty minutes.

"Thousands of men who married after hearing 'Love Me and the World Is Mine' are blaming me," was one of Mr. Ball's whimsical comments.

King George, Yachtsman.

King George, though the first gentleman in the land, is also one of the most modest, and he does not assume that he knows everything simply because he wears a crown. "The King never talks at Ascot," said an intimate friend the other day. "He simply listens to the experts with quiet deference. But he happens to be the greatest amateur expert yachtsman, and at Cowes talks with any of the professionals most learned."

One of his most recent yachting observations runs thus: "I have known a lot of men who have been able to buy yachts, but I have known very few who have been able to sail them."

That is perfectly true. Perhaps he was thinking of a certain amateur who, after purchasing a yacht, went off to have some necessary lessons. "Well, can you sail a yacht yet?" asked his friend, after the first lesson. "Good gracious, no!" replied the other. "I'm learning to swim!"

The Safer Course.

The Hon. Lionel Tennyson, the cricketer and all-round sportsman, has a middle name. It is Hallam, and his father bore it before him. And there by hangs a tale.

Before Hallam senior was christened, Alfred Lord Tennyson offered the role of godfather to his friend Hallam, and Hallam accepted the honor.

"What are you going to call the boy?" asked the godfather.

"We are thinking of calling him Hallam," replied Tennyson.

Hallam was flattered, but he inquired modestly:

"Why not Alfred?"

"Yes," said the poet, "but suppose he should turn out a fool!"

Shoemaker's Last.

The word "last" as used in the shoemaker's trade has nothing to do with "last" in the sense of latest, but is derived from an old Saxon root, a "last" meaning a footprint, or shape of a foot. Though the word dropped out of general speech centuries ago, it has, by some freak of language, been retained as a technical word meaning the foot shape on which the shoemaker builds up his boot.



It Always Works.

She (indignantly): And when I waved to you you paid no attention to me whatever!

He: But—oh—how could you expect me to see such a tiny hand at that distance?

Grower's Luck.

A certain window garden was a mass of sweet peas in bloom. The mistress of the house was snipping off a few dead leaves. An aged colored man, observing the operation, evidently perceived that she "knew how," but perhaps he wondered how so much loveliness could come from simple flowers like sweet peas. "My land!" he exclaimed as he turned away. "Ef some pusses was to plant a jew's-harp it'd come up a planter!"

This Old Empire.

This old Empire of ours—in spite of her faults and in spite of her sins—loves justice, and loves mercy, and loves truth—when she truly sees the truth—and upon her rests a large part of the responsibility of leading the way up the steps of progress.—Sir Michael Sadler.

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Surnames and Their Origin

MacQUEEN
VARIATIONS—MacQueen, MacSween, MacSweeney, MacCunn.
RACIAL ORIGIN—Norwegian-Scottish.
SOURCE—A given name.

The family name of MacQueen might easily be mistaken for one of those combinations of an English word with the Gaelic "mac" (equivalent to the English termination "son"), which are met with quite frequently in both Scotland and Ireland. Undoubtedly the fact that there was a word in English spelled "queen" had some influence on the spelling of this family name, however, when it came to be translated into that language from the Gaelic, in which the correct spelling is "MacSubhne."

The "MacSubhne" constitute one of the Highland clans, although a small one, independent of but closely allied to the MacDonalds, and like so very many of the Highland clans, claiming originally from Ireland.

But in the name of MacQueen is to be read the history of the days following the Irish invasion and settlement of the Highlands, when many of the Norse vikings, driven from home by civil wars, swooped down on the northern and western coasts of Scotland and settled there. Ultimately their rule was broken by an uprising of the Scots, but many of them remained, and through intermarriage left their stamp upon the nomenclature of the section.

"Subhne" is simply the Gaelic form for the very widespread Norse given name of "Sweyn." Under the varying influences of the Gaelic tongue it has assumed the variations mentioned in the heading of this article, all of which are borne by one or other of the septs of the Clan MacQueen.

COOMBE
VARIATIONS—Coombes, Coombe, Combs, Comber, Camber, Coomber, Kempster.
RACIAL ORIGIN—English.
SOURCE—A locality, also an occupation.

The derivation of this group of family names is almost the exact parallel of that of the Hill group. It is more puzzling simply because it is the derived meaning of the original word which has survived in this case instead of the primary meaning. The word, in the only form in which we have it today, is "combe."

It will be remembered that the original meaning of the word "hill" was hill, and that there was a derived meaning, roof, which has disappeared. The original meaning of the word "combe" was a series of ridges and hollows of the upper hillsides. This meaning has disappeared and in our language to-day we have only the derived meaning which we apply to various articles of ridge formation, as in "honeycombed," "cock's comb," or as we more instinctively think of it, the ordinary hair comb.

The names Coombe, Coombs and Combs were originally preceded by "de la" (of the) or "at" (at the) to denote that the person to whom the surname was applied lived in such a place. It was spelled "cums," "combe," "kenabe" or "come," however, "Combers" and "Coombers" were sometimes persons who dwelt in such sections.

But more often they were those who followed the occupation of wool combing, for even in the early middle ages, about the time family names began to form, the derived meaning of the word had already grown up and was in common use, particularly among the wool trades, and the surnames are often found in the form of "de Comber," "le Kenabester" and "le Camber."

Window Boxes for Fine Blooms.

Where we have a good light and want to plant for flowers especially, the window box is ideal. It is seldom that flowers will be as large and perfect in a pot as in a window box, for the soil is kept more moist and better aerated, so roots spread widely.

The box need not be more than six inches deep. The soil should be rich and mellow and not inclined to run together or get sour. It should contain a fair proportion of sand for most plants.

It is not best to grow too many sorts in one box, but a tall plant or two in the middle and a row of lower plants outside, with a border of trailers, will make a pretty box. Your varieties should be such that blooms will be produced all winter. Snapdragons of some pretty self color for the middle, petunias next, with a border of portulaca or verbenas, make a good box of annuals, while a Black Prince fuchsia in the middle, surrounded by cyclamen and bordered with Mad. Solerol geraniums and Kenilworth ivy, would make a very pretty box, and the contrasting colors of the cyclamen and geranium foliage would be pretty when not in bloom.

Window boxes are especially valuable for the bulbs. Lilies can be made to bloom freely in a cool window if the box is fairly deep and the bulbs set down pretty well. Violets bloom all winter and furnish a lot of flowers to bunch and sell, as well as enjoy.

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When bending the small copper pipe or tubing leading from the tank to the carburetor of the car by the usual methods, the pipe will kink, or sometimes even close up when abrupt turns are made. This can be avoided by inserting a piece of string solder into the tubing, after which even complete circles can be made without the tubing closing up at all. The solder pulls out easily after the bend is made, especially if it has been well greased. If not, it can be easily melted out.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the house.

Screen Bed.
A screened bed has been invented that can be hung outside of a window by chains or withdrawn upon a frame with which it can be moved inside a house.

The Jordan is the world's most crooked river, wandering 213 miles to cover sixty.



KING GEORGE OF GREECE

He is not permitted to leave the borders of his country for fear he will not return. There is a revolution taking place in Greece at the present time, which may result in the establishment of a republic.

The Teacher.

He never wandered far from his own town. The little hamlet where he lived and died. And yet his pupils traveled up and down the wide world of town and countryside.

He sought no honor to adorn his name. Nor dreamed of crowns that tarnish and grow dim; But those he taught achieved undying fame.

And in their triumph hour remembered him. He had not time to mould the wide world's life. Or take a hand in the affairs of state;

But others did he send into the strife. And through them helped to shape his people's fate. He won no earthly riches for himself. He had no time to waste in seeking gold;

But every day bestowed on him a pelf Of love whose value never could be told.

—Clarence E. Flynn.

GOOD RED BLOOD A REAL NERVE TONIC

Weak, Watery Blood the Source of All Nervousness.

"If people would attend to their blood, instead of worrying themselves ill," said an eminent nerve specialist, "we doctors would not see our consulting rooms crowded with nervous wrecks. More people suffer from worry than anything else."

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East Wind.

The east wind's fingers prick and pry About my windows and my door; The icy breath of him comes in And creeps along the floor.

The windows chatter noisily; My fire leaps high, then flickers low; Along the dim length of the wall The shadows come and go.

I stuff my fingers in my ears And yet I hear the wind's shrill call; I close my eyes but still I see The shadows on the wall.

The loneliness I had forgot, The longing I had hid away, Lay icy fingers on my heart—I wish they would not stay.

If you were here we two might sit All cozily and toast our feet, Glad of the storm that shut us in From rain and wind and sleet. . .

If you were here, if you were here, I know, dear heart, I should not mind The ragged shadows on the wall, The shrilling of the wind. . .

—Abigail Cresson.

A Big Book.

She—"And pray what do you carry that book with you for?" He—"Oh, that is a book in which I just jot down my thoughts, you see." She—"Isn't it rather large for that purpose?"

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The Last Voyage.

Some morning I shall rise from sleep, When all the house is still and dark: I shall steal down and find my ship By the dim quayside and embark.

Nor fear the seas nor any wind. I have known Fear, but now no more. The winds shall bear me safe and kind. Long hoped for and long waited for.

To no strange country shall I come. But to mine own delightful land. With Love to bid me welcome home And Love to lead me by the hand.

We shall not hear the ticking clock. Nor the swift rustle of Time's wings. Nor dread the sharp dividing stroke. Being come now to immortal things.

With all those wonders to admire, And the heart's hunger satisfied, Given at long last the heart's desire We shall forget we ever died.

Oh, in some morning daisies yet I shall steal out in the sweet dark And find my ship with sails all set By the dim quayside and embark.

—Katharine Tynan.

The Breath of Life.

Fresh air is the breath of life. There is little use in trying to keep well if we do not get abundance of pure, fresh air to breathe.

People whose resistance is weakened by disease and who must fight not only to keep alive but to conquer the germs of any disease like tuberculosis must have abundance of fresh air. For them it is not enough to spend the daylight hours in the open; the entire twenty-four hours should be fresh air hours. The windows should be open or the porch available at all times. The tuberculosis patient who tries to stay in the open air as much as possible and who faithfully follows the other directions of his physician, has the best chance of recovery.

For those who are well, good health is promoted and maintained by no better means than suitable outdoor exercise and good food. If every man, woman and young person in this country could be persuaded as a matter of daily routine to take at least twelve deep breaths in the open air, or before an open window every morning, the residual air in the lungs would be replaced by fresh air and more oxygen supplied for the general upkeep of the body. The result would undoubtedly be beneficial to everybody and would bring about a general improvement in the health standard of the entire community.—Dr. J. J. Middleton.

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2. I believe my muscles should be kept working smoothly by systematic exercise.

3. I believe this training develops the will to make the best of myself and to do greater service for others.

4. I believe daily exercise trains me to feel and to understand the joy in work and play.

5. I believe in athletics, in taking my part in school contests, in courage, fair play and sportsmanship.

6. I believe I am growing in manhood (or womanhood) and am preparing myself to be an active, intelligent, useful citizen, ready to take my part and to give the other fellow a "square deal."

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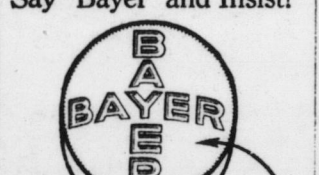
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