

using English names. Jonas' birth name did not transpire, but the news reports stated that the so-called Vernon was born under the name of Hahn. Of course, where a reason exists for changing an undesirable patronymic, the individual in question will naturally pick out a good one. It costs no more. Thus, if the reports of the above case are true, the so-called Vernon or Hahn apparently wished it to be believed by the public that he was in some way connected by blood with the noble Staffordshire family of Vernon—a name borne honestly for centuries by true and loyal gentlemen with credit and renown. It had been borne by the gallant Admiral of the Blue who added Gibraltar to the Empire and won the great victory over the Spaniards at Porto Bello in 1739. Such was his fame that all London was publicly illuminated on his birthday. Was such a name one on which an alien should be allowed to wipe his dirty feet? If permitted by law, to allow such to use it was not only a deception attempted upon the public, but was an unwarranted indignity upon a noble English family. The dogs eat the children's bread.

Another case was that of an Austrian Jew named Triebitsch, who, so far as known, without any warrant whatever, assumed the honored name of Lincoln. This man was prosecuted some two years ago in England for forgery and sentenced to three years penal servitude. A self-confessed spy, he narrowly escaped a firing squad in the Tower moat. He was properly deported from England. A character farther removed from that of the great Emancipator cannot be imagined.

These instances direct attention to the matter of public policy. Have the legitimate owners of a patronymic no right to protect it from theft by those who possess no natural claim upon it? Can no family nest throw out those foreign cuckoo eggs?

In England, America and Canada there exist family names which have been consecrated in the history of our race, and which are repeated with reverence whenever referred to. In most American States any one of these honored names can be assumed by any citizen who, perhaps, in his dealings with the police, judges it desirable to adopt a new alias; or by any unwashed immigrant from Central Europe who finds that his cognomen too