

## Curiosities of Pronunciation.

Some Surnames Are Quite Unrecognizable From the Spelling.

London T. H. H. We usually laugh at the foreigners' efforts to master the pronunciation of our mother tongue, but most of us are not without doubt when we come to pronounce certain proper nouns. Any number of surnames receive as many as four different renderings, and it is quite impossible to persuade any one that his or her way is not the correct one. Some surnames are so mispronounced as to be quite unrecognizable from the spelling. No wonder the average individual finds an English dictionary indispensable.

Probably the most remarkable ones are Colquhoun, Marshbanks, Chomondley and Babel. The last is much less impressive when spelled as pronounced—Coboon, Marshbanks, Chumley and Bajer. Phonetic spelling deprives many names of their terror. That awful name Goughgan would become simply Gagan, Ruthen would be Stiven, and Cockburn Koburn.

Some people are much annoyed if they are not addressed in their own special way. Mr. St. John likes to be called Stijn, but as a geographical term he does not mind saying Saint John. Another is doubtful, but often shortens into Anster. The "Mac's" also are VERY SUSCEPTIBLE REGARDING THEIR SURNAMES.

If you want to be friends with MacLeod and Maclean, call them MacLeod and Maclean, and if you have any intentions regarding Mr. Strachan's daughter do not call him Strakan if you value your chances. But Strawn. Following these good intentions you must address Beaucier as Beaulieu and Beauvoir as Beaver.

In case you ever move in ambassadorial circles, or make friends on the Riviera, do not forget the Baron de Longueville is called Loneyval, Monsieur St. Cyr will answer you if you say Saneer, and Strous would be a good rendering of the name of the eminent composer of waltzes. Markyavese will be as near as you can get to Machiavelli, but possibly you may be

able to avoid this distinguished pronunciation. A couple of "Saints" are rather puzzling. St. Clark should be rendered Simclah, and if you would win a smile of approval pronounce St. Lawrence Sallinger, or Salliger.

There is no need to look up Beau-champ; it is merely a playful rendering of the famous maker of pills. Duchesne has such an awe-inspiring appearance it is a pity we must pronounce it Dukarn. Heathcote is shortened into Hethcut, and Dillwyn has quite an Irish flavor when pronounced Dillen.

Do not think of some dimutive maidens when you speak of Wemyss; call it Weems, and you may be taken for a Scotsman; and if you are over the border, do not forget that Kirkcubright is pronounced Kurockree.

The celebrated news agency is called Roter's not Rooter's, and the producer of five-finger exercises for building muscles—Cargy—is called Chernee. That famous Italian, Boccaccio, was simply known as Bokkart-cho, not half so disturbing as the number of "c's" would suggest.

## JOAQUIN MILLER'S YARN.

A Startling Story Told by the Poet of the Sierras.

Captain John Henry, the millionaire mining and railroad promoter of Alaska, tells the following in Joaquin Miller, the "Poet of the Sierras," in the Chicago Record-Herald.

"Miller had been in Alaska for some time when he concluded to come down into civilization again and make some money lecturing. One afternoon I met him in one of the big cities, and after exchanging frontier greetings the poet said: 'Captain, you must bring your daughters to hear my lecture on Alaska.'

"I promised, and when we reached the theatre we found a box awaiting us. Well, Joaquin came on, long hair, long beard, high boots, flannel shirt, true Western style. Of course, he got a big 'hand' on his appearance alone. Then he started in to portray Alaska as only a poet could. He had his listeners spellbound as he described the progress and future of the great Northwest. Finally, to vary his theme, Joaquin started to tell some pretty good mining stories, but he reached a thrilling climax with the following:

"One night I was invited to a dance in a miner's cabin, and while Bill Dalton scraped away on his fiddle we just hooted it down. But the miners tramped in and out so much between dances that before midnight the ladies declared the floor was so slippery they couldn't dance another step unless something was done.

"Then," continued Joaquin, after an eloquent pause, something was done that never was possible in mining days in California. Each miner gallantly opened his buckskin powder pouch and sprinkled gold dust on the floor! And this was repeated throughout the night.

"Joaquin certainly had the audience or he would never have dared to continue as he did.

"And in the morning, ladies and gentlemen, these miners never troubled themselves about sweeping up that gold dust. They just hitched up their dog sleds and rode away."

"There was a slight agitation in the audience once, which Joaquin must have recognized as ominous of foreboding, but he was equal to it. With a wave of his hand toward my box he said: 'And my old friend up there in the box, Captain Henry, from Alaska, will substantiate what I say.'

"It was a master stroke of the poet, for the house burst into applause, and

## BE KIND TO A COW AND GET MORE MILK.

College Experiments Have Determined That Favored Milkers Receive Greater Supply.

LONDON, Saturday.—If you want your cow to yield milk of the best quality and the greatest quantity you have only to treat her kindly. This is the sun and substance of a discovery made by the Staff County Technical College, at Chelmsford. The cow is a very nervous animal and very susceptible to kind or harsh treatment. Both the amount and quality of the milk she gives depend on her preference for persons with whom she has to deal.

Following up the theory a rigorous experiment was tried at a farm in Essex. Four cows were tried with four different milkers. The favored milker was honored with nearly nineteen pounds weight of milk one morning, while another less favored got only a trim more than fifteen pounds.

The next morning another cow, which had yielded badly the first morning, increased in supply, as well as in quality, with a change of milkers.

## THESE AUTUMNAL DAYS.

(The Khan.)

Oh, the splendid, splendid morning! Resting on a hoop of gold; Oh, the grand, majestic sunsets, All in purple crimson rolled; And the moonlight—full of splendor—And the air so soft and sweet, Make the grass rich and tender Laugh with gladness at my feet.

At their feet a dreamy pool; At their feet a dreamy pool; And the meadows, oh, the meadows! And the forests deep and cool. Hear the gunshots in the clearing, Hear the quick, impatient cry, While the game goes swift careering, Joyous through the liquid sky.

## MODERN OSTENTATION.

(The Lady.)

We fill our rooms with scores of unnecessary things, perhaps pretty in themselves, perhaps not. We plaster our walls with pictures, and behave as if emptiness were a thing to be avoided at all costs. Yet who has not experienced a sense of relief and pleasure on entering a room where a graceful bareness prevails? A room overfurnished is like a woman over-dressed.

## FREDERICTON.

County Court Appeals Taken Up in the Supreme Court—Funeral of the Late M. A. Hall—A Legal Squabble.

FREDERICTON, Nov. 12.—In the supreme court this morning the county court appeals were taken up and all disposed of but two which will be finished in the evening. At the conclusion of arguments the chief justice will announce when judgments will be delivered, which will probably be Thursday or Friday of next week.

Elliot (defendant), appellant, and Doak (plaintiff), respondent—J. J. Carter supports appeal from Victoria county court; Theo. Lawson, contra. Appeal allowed with costs.

Vanbushkirk (defendant), appellant, and Vanbushkirk (plaintiff), respondent—J. D. Phinney, K. C., supports appeal from Kent county court; Geo. W. Allen, K. C., contra. Court considers.

Miller (defendant), appellant, and Guntler (plaintiff), respondent—J. B. Carvell supports appeal from York county court; R. W. McLaughlin, contra. Appeal allowed with instructions to enter noli prosequi in court below.

McRae (defendant), appellant, and Brown (plaintiff), respondent—Geo. W. Allen, K. C., supports appeal from Northumberland county court; A. R. Slipp, contra. Court considers.

The funeral of the late Moses S. Hall took place from his residence, George street, this morning, and was largely attended. Services were conducted at the house by Rev. W. R. Robinson of the Gibson Baptist church, assisted by Rev. J. H. McDonald and J. J. Teasdale. After the service the remains were conveyed to the C. P. R. station, and from there to St. John.

The directors of the local Y. M. C. A. have decided to open a boys' branch if fifty boys can be found desirous of joining. A class of physical culture for young ladies will probably be started after the Christmas season.

In September last the Eastern Trust Co. of Halifax, as trustee for the bondholders of the Tobique Manufacturing Co., obtained a decree in the supreme court in equity for the foreclosure and sale of the mortgaged premises of the company. Later on the aid of the courts was invoked by George A. Murchie, of the firm of Hale & Murchie, to settle an account of the firm against the company, and it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of three competent accountants to go through the books and report. This has been done, but the parties have been unable to agree as to the result. Now Mr. Murchie has petitioned the supreme court for an injunction restraining the sale of the company's premises and for an order to liquidate the affairs of the company under the Dominion Winding-up Act, claiming that the company is insolvent.

## PORT PHYSICIAN.

And Minister of Agriculture in Communication Re Smallpox Situation.

Hon. Mr. Fisher, the minister of agriculture, has communicated with Dr. March, the port physician here, with respect to the reports which are about as to the danger of smallpox again getting a foothold in St. John. The minister asked Dr. March what he had to propose as the best means for the protection of the port.

Dr. March in reply pointed out that so far no cases of smallpox had been reported along the coast of the United States except at Bangor, and vessels seldom came here from that port. He advised the department that it had not yet become necessary to enforce the quarantine regulations with respect to the regular coastwise vessels. Dr. March called attention to the fact that the small fishing craft engaged down at the mouth of the bay, many of which had recently visited St. John, were the description of vessels most likely to have smallpox on board. This was because they were never subject to inspection no matter where they went. These vessels, Dr. March remarked, could be looked over at Campbell's, where the nearly all visited that place at some time.

Dr. March advised that the authorities should put a proper guard on the border between Maine and New Brunswick. What he considered necessary was stationing of competent men at McAdam, St. Stephen, Campbell, Debec Junction, and Amherst and Edmundston. The man at Campbell could look after these fishing schooners.

## A HARBOR MIX-UP.

The big steamship Dominion, Capt. Dawson, arrived yesterday morning from Sydney with cargo. It was quite hazy when she reached the harbor, and as the H. M. S. Pallas was lying athwart the harbor at the time, Pilot Rogers anchored the vessel. It seems when getting under way again the steamer was backed until she came in contact with the bark Still Water, moored at Lawton's wharf. The bark was struck on the port side near the stern, and the hull, stanchions and other workwork broken. The blow was a heavy one; the bark came against the wharf with such force that a birch fender was broken. David Lynch was instructed to make a survey of the bark to ascertain the full extent of the damage.

## BOYS' BRIGADE.

Colonel Buchanan of the Boys' Brigade, visited the St. Stephen, St. John and St. Mary's brigades last evening. It is proposed to have a review of all the corps in the city at the open house in the near future. An organization has recently been effected in Calvin church. There is one in active operation in connection with Douglas Avenue church which will be inspected by Col. Buchanan on Monday evening. The brigade in connection with the Valley church, re-organized last year, is now in a flourishing condition. At the Queen's Rink tournament in October 29 brigade boys were on parade and the colonel is of the opinion from reports that a force some 80 larger could now be paraded.

## DESTITUTION IN LABRADOR.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 12.—Extreme destitution is reported from many parts of Labrador owing to the great shortage in the fishery catch. Unless relief will be provided by the government, the people will be in a bad way. One vessel has already been despatched from Newfoundland with provisions.

## AT THE LONDON HOUSE

SATURDAY, NOV. 14TH.

## NEW MODELS

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## Ladies' Fall Raincoats.

Remarkably Stylish Garments.

Shown for the First Time in St. John.

The prices are new, too, and so moderate that they will be appreciated at once. Both Three-quarter and Long Coat styles.

Prices, \$8.25, \$9.45, \$9.50

## "B. &amp; I." Bias Fitted Corsets

The Latest Departure in Corset art. Beautiful snug fit at waist line. Entirely new pretty Curve over the hips.

Prices \$1.00, 1.75 and 1.85.

For those who Have Been Waiting! Another Shipment, 2,500 yds. American Waistings, On Sale Monday, 15c. yd

## For Xmas Work:

STAMPED LINENS: Especially new and attractive designs in doilies, centres, lunch cloths, Etc.

BEAD WORK: "Apache" bradwork, looms and designs for making watch guards, fobs, belts, Etc., beads of all kinds.

STAMPED CUSHIONS: New cushion tops ready for working, 25c. Each.

ST. JOHN CUSHIONS: Stamped with the name "St. John" for working. A pretty souvenir design. 45c. Each.

LAUNDRY BAGS: Stamped for working, Four styles. 29c, 45c, and 75c.

TRAY CLOTHS: Drawn work and H. S. Cloths Stamped for Working. 25c to 65c.

PILLOW SHAMS: Special Line Net and Muslin Pillow Shams, worth \$1.00 \$1.40. Special 50c to 70c

## White or Black Washable Silk Waists.

Designs 'Just in. \$3.75 each

Excellent Japanese hem-stitched and tucked waist, lined throughout. The best thing we have yet seen for the money. All Sizes; Black or White, Special \$3.75 Each.

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## AFRICAN COTTON MAY OUST AMERICAN.

Sir Alfred Jones Foresees Day When the United States Will Cease to Supply Lancashire.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Sir Alfred Jones, K. C. M. G., a leading Liverpool merchant and president of the Chamber of Commerce of that city, foresees the day when America will cease to supply Lancashire with cotton and when the United States may even have to look to West Africa for her own needs.

Sir Alfred Jones, in an interview with a Manchester correspondent, said: "For three years I have been studying this question of producing cotton. America will soon want all the cotton she grows. Her population is increasing and her consumption of cotton is increasing in proportion."

"About ten years ago America produced, say, 7,000,000 bales of cotton and Great Britain took half of it. Now America produces 11,000,000 bales and Britain takes no more than she did ten years ago. This is a fact that startled me and showed me it was absolutely necessary we should stir ourselves and make some effort to provide a supply of cotton from other sources."

"Seed Obtained Here. "I got seed from America and sent it out to all the colonies. Then the British Cotton Growing Association was started and the results of the association's work have been far more satisfactory than even I anticipated. The whole of the West African colonies and the West Indies have been made to take a deep interest in the question of raising cotton and are working exceedingly well."

"Mr. Chamberlain, as usual, afforded us every facility, even to the extent of carrying cotton free of charge on the railways, and the Elder-Dempster lines are carrying it across the seas to England gratuitously."

May Be Produced More Cheaply. "Up to the present the cotton has been coming unguessed, but gins have now been erected in all the colonies and we have received word that all the cotton was being ginned."

In reply to a question as to the value of this cotton, Sir Alfred said: "It is fetching very fair prices. In the Liverpool market the prices, in fact, are equal to those obtained for American cotton. The possibilities of Africa as a cotton producing country cannot well be overestimated. There are vast tracts of land vacant in Africa suitable for our purpose and millions of people idle who could be employed in cotton growing. I believe the scheme to be one of the greatest movements ever started."

"America may yet have to look to West Africa for her cotton supply, because I believe cotton will be produced more cheaply in West Africa than in the United States."

## MONCTON.

Coal, Oil and Manganese Mining Operations—Other News.

MONCTON, Nov. 12.—Hon. Mr. Fielding came down on the maritime express this morning. He was met here by Hon. Mr. Emmerson and proceeded to Halifax. There is a rumor here that Hon. Mr. Dure is to have the collectorship at St. John and succeed by Mr. Sweeney of Westmorland. It is said Sweeney's friends have been feeling the public pulse with a view to such a change.

Rails are laid on the Beersville road for a distance of nearly three miles from Adamsville and it is expected to have it ready for hauling coal by the first of December. As the first road was not turned till the 21st of September, this is quite a record in railway construction. The second colliery at Beersville is now being opened by the Imperial company and the first colliery is opened up for a distance of nearly a thousand feet. The Canadian Coal and Manganese Co., which opened a mine two or three miles from the Imperial a year or two ago, is now pumping out the slope preparatory to resuming operations. The company has brought nine miners from British Columbia and will make a thorough test of the entire property with a diamond drill. J. B. Neale of Pennsylvania, is manager and Mason T. Adams of New York is president of the Canadian Coal Co. Mr. Neale left today for New York to consult with the principal owner, J. P. Geddes.

## Y. M. C. A. WORK.

Address by Secretary Wilson Before Large Audience Last Evening.

In Centenary church at 7 o'clock, and in Leinster street Baptist church at 8 o'clock last evening S. B. Wilson, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of the Christian Association, addressed large audiences interested in the work of the junior league. Mr. Wilson spoke in a very interesting and earnest manner of the work which is being done by the Y. M. C. A. in this city, and pointed out the fact that at present only boys who are attending the schools are admitted as members, because of the incapacity to accommodate more. He hoped, however, that in the near future the Y. M. C. A. of St. John would have a senior league and out of the 7,000 or 8,000 young people here a large percentage would be Y. M. C. A. workers. These addresses were the first of a series of talks to the junior league, to which all strangers are cordially invited.

On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Rev. Samuel Howard of Portland Methodist church will speak to men at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, 30 Charlotte street. Special music will be arranged.

Chrono Constipation surely cured or money back. LAXA-CARA TABLETS never fail. Small, chocolate coated, easy to take. Price, 25 cents. At drug-gists.

## MISSIONARY READINGS.

The ladies in connection with Centenary church resumed their course of missionary readings last evening. The meeting was held at Miss S. Palmer's, Queen square. The book taken up this evening was the third one of the course, Rex, Christus. The country under discussion is China, and the attractive programme was as follows: Miss Annie Hea, who had charge of the programme, gave the geography of the country. Mrs. W. G. Smith read a paper on the climate of China. Mrs. Fisk gave a brief history of the Y. M. C. A. Miss Christine Matthews gave a piano solo; Miss Allen a paper on the Great Wall of China; Miss Helen Barker a sketch of the canal; Miss Knowlton an interesting talk on the literature and language of the people.

## BALEFOUR AND HICKS-BEACH

Former Chancellor of the Exchequer Accepts the Government Policy of Protection.

BRISTOL, Eng., Nov. 12.—Replying to a speech of welcome here, where he spoke tonight in connection with the Colston anniversary, Premier Balfour declared it was the intention of the government, in the face of all the difficulties raised by the opponents of the proposed new fiscal policy, which necessitated new conditions under which the industries of the country would be carried on, to pursue the path he had marked, "not to be bound by worn-out formulas, which had a meaning and reality sixty years ago, but whose meaning and reality had been changed by the changing circumstances of time."

BRISTOL, Eng., Nov. 12.—Premier Balfour was the principal speaker at a dinner here tonight in celebration of the anniversary of the death of Edward Colston, the philanthropist. He devoted himself principally to the fiscal question, but did not advance any new arguments. Premier Balfour spoke appreciatively of Joseph Chamberlain, who, he said, had given up everything in support of the good of the British Empire. He admitted that the tariff, like the navy, might be abused, but said he could not see why that consideration should deter the government from using either wisely.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach followed the premier. The appearance of the former chancellor of the exchequer on the same platform and in support of Balfour, although he had declared himself a free trader, created considerable interest and curiosity. Sir Michael explained his attitude by accepting as the true diagnosis Mr. Balfour's belief that the present government had still two or three years of life, during which much useful work was possible, and by admitting that great injury had been done to British trade by the protectionist policies of foreign countries.

He was prepared, he said, to accept the policy of Mr. Balfour laid down in the premier's speech at Sheffield. He was opposed to both illegitimate chicanery and illegitimate deceptions through the operations of tariffs and trusts, but he favored the securing and the maintaining of natural cheapness. Sir Michael thought the government ought to be armed with the weapons of retaliation. If the choice was to be between standing on old lines or a genuine change of fiscal policy, he preferred the latter.

In conclusion Sir Michael Hicks-Beach contended that the question before the unionist party was not the unauthorised programme which he had steadfastly opposed, but the policy of the premier, and he thought they should now patiently await the government's proposals and strive for unity.

## JEALOUSY RAGE.

Brutal Murder With Bread Knife—Cooks Hit Twice in Wife's Body.

BENNINGTON, Vt., Nov. 12.—Carried away by jealousy, what amounted to monomania, Reuben Coons yesterday brutally murdered his young and handsome wife in the presence of his 4-year-old daughter and his brother, A. of 14. Immediately after the man hung himself. The news was received here today from West Tashanick, Columbia Co., N. Y.

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Coons was intensely devoted to her, but insanely jealous. Their neighbors are united in saying that there was no occasion for the man's jealousy. However, Mrs. Coons often lost control of her temper and tongue and violent quarrels were frequent.

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**Pandora Range.**

MEALS ON TIME.

If a dinner, which should be cooked with a light fire, is fixed for the hour of twelve, you can use a light fire and absolutely depend upon the "Pandora" to cook it by twelve—no need to waste fuel in keeping up an unnecessarily strong fire, "just to make sure." And the same accuracy can be depended upon if a strong fire is necessary.

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"Pandora" Range is entirely new, and is equipped with every latest feature for cooking in a hurry, saving fuel, and lessening kitchen troubles generally.

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