

would have been for Goliath of Gath. The fact is these surnames are a lottery in which we are more likely to draw blanks than prizes. We have no choice in the matter: we must take what is given to us, and bear it through life as best we can.

The surname was originally applied because of some circumstance of birth, fortune, physical characteristic, moral quality, or achievement in life. Cicero was named from *cicer*, a *retch*, either because of a mole on his nose that resembled one, or because his grandfather was a successful cultivator of *beans*. A classification of surnames, would give us an insight into the historical pursuits and manners of the people who first bore them. There was a time when, and a person to whom, each name was first given. If one meets with Messrs. Farmer, Carpenter, Butler, Fisher, Barber, Fidler and Ridler, one may be pretty sure of the employments of their ancestors. Then, look at Messrs. Long, Short, Slim, Slow, Little, Strong, Brown, White, and there is little risk in proclaiming them the descendants of men who bore the stamp of these physical characteristics. When we hear of Messrs. East, West, North, and South, we know at what point of the compass to seek them. We like the companionship of such men as Meek, Best, Sweetman, Freeman, Wise and Manly; but are inclined to look askance at Wilde, Giddy, Lyon, Wolfe, Fox and Cheatham. If asked to dine off Fish, Hare, Kidd, Partridge, Ham, Bacon, Salt, Pickles, Peach, Lemon and Rice, we should answer, "Yes, thank you, Sir." But if the bill of fare were limited to Hay, Straw, Wood, Bustard, Leech, Bolus and Tarr; with Messrs. Doolittle and Cutting, as Carvers, our reply to the "R. S. V. P." would be, "I have married a wife and cannot come." The point may be further illustrated by an analysis of the surnames of any body of men, such, for instance, as the ministers of our own Church. I have gone through the list, and those who may be pleased to read these gossiping paragraphs may be interested in some of the results. Scottish *towns* and *counties* are well represented in our Sutherlands, Hamiltons, Stirling Kelso and Rosses. Then look at the *landscape* with its 3 Moores, 3 Forests, a Marsh, a Park, a Wellwood, a Townsend, a Wells and a Lee. The *trades* have nothing to complain of with 6 Smiths, 4 Clarks, 2 Shearers, 2 Millers, 2 Cookes, a Mason, a Warden and Tanner. The *sportsman* will have a good time with a Chase, a Hunter, a Stalker, a Falconer, a Hogg, 2 Fishers, 3 Gunns, and a Ball. Then there are 2 Walkers to 1 Jordan, and 4 Turnbulls with 1 Gamble. Next we have the *incongruities*: 1 Hall has its Chambers, where 2 Leitches and a