

ORIGIN OF NAMES.

A Dispute as to what constitutes a True American Name.

Just what constitutes an American name is probably a matter of argument, says the Telegram. It is certain that many of the greatest names in Ireland, to take a familiar example, are not Irish at all, nor even Celtic, but purely Norman, like Fitzgerald or Saxon, like Desmond. It would be popularly stated that all of the Presidents of the United States have had American names in the sense that all of their family names represent lines of descent old in the country; for certainly they had little else in common.

Washington is an English territorial name, being with the exception of Lincoln and Garfield, the only one of its kind in the list. Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Jackson, Johnson, Harrison, are all true derivations from Christian names, meaning, respectively, the son of Adam, of Geoffrey, of Matthew, of John, and of Harry, which last is not a nickname in English, but the true form of the word, Henry being later and a purely slavish following of the French spelling of the word. Polk is an abbreviation of Pollock or Pollok, itself from Paul, and the 'I' in it used to be sounded, though it is now dropped for the sake of euphony. Pierce follows the same analogy, coming from Peter, the French Pierre—'Piers Ploughman.'

Tyler, Taylor and Cleveland are from occupations. Hayes is from an old English word, 'hay,' meaning simply a hedge, and denoting in the first instance one who dwelt near a notable feature of that kind in the rural landscape. Fillmore seems to be a nickname fastened to a bibulous ancestor. Buchanan is Scotch, and the first syllable to be sounded with a short, not a long 'u.' McKinley is also Celtic. Van Buren is Dutch. Lincoln derives the latter syllable of the name from the Latin 'colonia' indicating that in ancient times the Romans held a colony in that particular locality, while the field in Garfield's name has the significance in Danish of a camp or fort, the 'gar' meaning a weapon, as in the Christian name Edgar, and the whole standing for a battle ground. Grant is simply the old Norman-French grand, and means great, properly enough.

These distinguished patronymics are not cited because of their oddity, but because Saxon, French, Danish, Dutch and Scotch alike, they are what are understood by 'American' names. Citizens of the great republic can hardly hope to produce a name like Fetherstonhaugh and spell it 'Fres stunhay,' or to spell Jarvis 'Jervaulz,' or Walsicum 'Walsingham,' but their efforts are not to be despised when Crowninshield in Massachusetts spells 'Crunchie,' Beall in Virginia 'Bell,' and Tallaferra in Kentucky is plain 'tullier.'

Dumoreque, too, manages to get clipped to 'dimeric,' and then to appear as another name entirely, Dimmery. Moultrie, and Bowie be it, both with the 'u,' long, as it is in Houston in spite of the spelling. Olmstead as unsted, Compton as comton, are other New England corruptions. Devereux is devere, Romans has the 's,' short, Reay is the same as Ray; Dedy is deddy, an excellent name for a lawyer; Denio is acented on the 'i,' which is long; Rouse is pronounced as if roose.—Round Table.

THEY DRINK GASOLINE.

An Evil Which has become Prevalent Among Cincinnati Boys.

To that large and influential class of people that find solace in and are habitual users of morphine, cocaine, opium and other drugs of this nature, can now be added what has been termed gasoline 'fends.' The authorities of Cincinnati have just made the discovery that gasoline is being used extensively for soothing purposes, and that its victims can already be numbered by scores.

The worst feature of the evil is that the slaves to gasoline are mere youths. Their mode of using it is to saturate a mud ball with the liquid, then holding it in the palms of their hands and inhaling the gaseous fumes of the oil. In each case it produces a stage of lethargy and utter stupidity akin to intoxication, which lasts as a rule, according to the physical condition of the user, from one to three hours.

A number of youngsters whose ages average from eight to fourteen have become so habituated to gasoline inhalation that they will resort to the most desperate measures to secure it. The boys buy the stuff from the nearest grocery or drug store, and retire to an alley or some out of the way place and go off on their little spree. The parents of some of the boys, who live in very respectable neighborhoods were terror-stricken when the horrible truth became known to them, and efforts will be made by them to have the sale of the oil prohibited. Indeed the gasoline evil has assumed such a serious phase in the section of the city across the river that unless it is soon checked several of the humane society people will bring the matter to the attention of the city council and ask that body to pass an order restricting its sale to minors

and making it a punishable offence to use it in any form as a narcotic, says the Chicago Dispatch.

Members of the Women's Christian Temperance union realize that this is another form of wickedness of the present generation that they will soon be called upon to fight. The youthful gasoline fends have been found lying in vacant lots, alleys and other places, wholly unconscious, and in all of the instances it was impossible to revive them until the effects of the oil had passed away.

There appears to be no record anywhere of gasoline being utilized in such a manner, and the authorities are at a loss to know how the boys learned that the oil would produce the effect described above. A number of chemists and scientists who were interviewed on the subject admitted that while they had known cases where gasoline inhaled would cause unconsciousness, yet they never heard of similar cases to those that have been unearthed here.

WOULD NOT CONSENT

To Be Operated On at the Hospital.

The Lady Uses Paine's Celery Compound and Is Cured.

Mrs. Saunders of Bascomdale, a suburb of Toronto, lay in the hospital suffering from a trouble quite common with many of her sex. At a critical time in her sickness the doctors deemed an operation necessary. Mrs. Saunders wisely refused to submit to the decision of the medical staff, and decided to try the virtues of Paine's Celery Compound.

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None to Match.

"Have you any neckties?" inquired a dandified young man, addressing the proprietor of the Cedarby 'corner store.' Then, turning to his companion, he said, with a slight lip, "I have a tad for getting neckties as souvenirs of every place I visit. It's my own idea, you know."

"What color do you want, young man?" inquired the proprietor, surveying his customer through a pair of iron-bowed spectacles. "Oh—ah—I'm very fond of having them to match the color of my eyes," said the young man, languidly, opening his small eyes to their widest extent.

"Haven't got any neckties that'll do, then," said the proprietor, shaking his head decidedly. "I've got plain blue ones, real pale blue, but none with pink edges."

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Lord Armstrong, of England, has succeeded in accomplishing something that scientists have tried in vain to do for years—that is to photograph an electric spark.

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ment, like the smoke rings which the smoker blows from his mouth. That is, electricity moves round and round the circumference of a ring, being sucked in by one face of the ring and shot out by the other. One of the photographs taken by Lord Armstrong shows the electric current when two opposite discharging poles are brought near one another. This shows a marked difference between the current at the positive and negative points.

An Omitted Chapter.

'Plato,' said Diogenes one day, 'have you such a thing as a monkey-wrench?'

'Yes,' replied the philosopher, 'I got one with my bicycle kit.'

'Just the thing,' continued Diogenes; 'I would like to borrow it for a short time.'

'I wonder what that old crank wanted to do with my monkey wrench? I believe I'll hunt him up and see.'

And presently Diogenes was found up back of the Temple of Cybele, working like a blacksmith.

'Here,' exclaimed Plato, 'what are you trying to do, anyhow?'

'I'm putting a cyclometer on my tub,' said Diogenes; and after that the Athenian ceased to linger upon the crossings when they saw him coming.—Chicago News.

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WHAT HE MADE.

It Was not a Question of Mathematics but of Allment.

The study of medicine is a serious business, and therefore such humorous incidents as attend upon it are all the more appreciated. Harper's Magazine describes an amusing scene at a clinic of nervous diseases in a certain medical college of Chicago. Professor B., an irritable man, was conducting the clinic, and the exercises were nearly concluded when an assistant brought in the word of a peculiarly interesting patient who had just arrived. The attendant was eager to have the new case exhibited.

'Well, be quick about it,' said the doctor, who proceeded to emphasize some previous remarks concerning the influence of occupation upon nervous conditions, which point he proposed to illustrate in the case to be presented.

The patient, an awkward Swede, having been hustled into a chair, was now confronted by Professor B., with the admonition to be brief and accurate in his replies as time was limited.

'Now, sir, what do you do?' he began. 'Aw am not vera well.'

'No! I say, what do you do?'

'Oh yes. Aw verk.'

'Yes, I know; but what kind of work?'

'Oh, eet es hard verk.'

'Yes; but do you shovel?' (illustrating with gesture), 'or drive a car, or work at a machine, or do—'

'Oh, yas. Aw verk at a masheen.'

'Ah! What kind of machine?'

'Oh, eet es a big masheen.'

By this time the students were grinning broadly and whispering plesantries all of which caused the professor to redden and break into a volley at the poor Swede.

'Now look here, sir, I want no more of this! You answer the questions I ask you, or go home. What do you make on this machine?'

A ray of intelligence lit up the face of the Swede, and with a confident smile, he said, 'Oh, uow Aw understan' yo'. Yo' want to know vat Aw mak' on the masheen. Eesn't et?'

'Yes, sir; that is it. What do you make?'

'Aw mak' seventeen cents an hour,' and he and the class were dismissed.

Where Labor Arbitration Works.

Compulsory arbitration, if such a term can be used, has uniformly been decreed in the United States in labor disputes but during the short time the arbitration law has been in operation in New Zealand it appears to have worked well. Under the act in question the colony is divided into districts. A board of conciliation, composed of an equal number of workmen and employers, can be constituted in any district (and over this is a special central tribunal which possesses appellate functions and whose decision is final. The arbitration court is presided over by a judge of the supreme court of New Zealand and he is assisted by two assessors similar to the practice in our own admiralty court. One of these assessors is chosen by the employers, the other by the workmen. The trades unions have power to sue and are liable to be themselves sued, not only the union funds being attachable, but the individual members are responsible to the extent of \$50 each should the common fund fail to cover the liabilities. The penalty of the nonobservance of the award is limited to \$2500. No strike or lockout has occurred since the act has been in operation.—Iron and Industries.

A Long way Round.

Necessity is the mother of invention, and the hungry Frenchman, told about in a biography recently published in England, illustrates the old adage anew.

He was in an English restaurant, and wanted eggs for breakfast, but had forgotten the English word. So he got around the difficulty in the following way:

'Vaiterre, vat is dat valking de yard?'

'A cock, sir.'

'Ah! And vat you call de cock's wife?'

'The hen, sir.'

'And vat you call de childrens of the cock and his wife?'

'Chickens, sir.'

'But vat you call de chicken before dey are chicken?'

'Eggs, sir.'

'Bring me two.'

Two Points of View.

Old Mr. McGinnis is anxious that his son, Hostetter, should marry a rich girl, so he said to him one day:

'Hostetter, why don't you propose to Miss Bondclipper? She's got lots of money.'

'Yes, but she limps with one leg and squints with one eye.'

'Don't be a pessimist. Be an optimist. Say she has one leg she doesn't limp with and one eye that doesn't squint.'

Presence of Mind.

Mrs. F. (petulantly)—'You never kiss me now.'

Mr. F.—'The idea of a woman of your age wanting to be kissed. One would think you were a girl of eighteen.'

Mrs. F. (suspiciously)—'What do you know about girls of eighteen?'

Mr. F.—'Why, my dear, weren't you eighteen once yourself?—N. Y. Ledger.



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