

STORIES OF WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE

Former Peasant as French President.

The son of peasant parents, M. Gaston Doumergue, the new President of the French Republic, has risen from the humblest beginnings to his high office.

In the ordinary course he would have succeeded to the scanty acres of the family farm, but his father believed the boy had keen intelligence, and provided an education for him to fit him for the law. Before the youth was twenty he was called to the bar. He entered the French Colonial Service and held posts abroad; then he returned to France, where his appointment, later, as Colonial Minister was his first big step towards fame.

M. Doumergue is the first Protestant or bachelor to be elected French President.

A Fight for Thomas Hardy.

A friend of Mr. Thomas Hardy, O.M., who recently celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday, tells the writer that he is probably the shyest great man in the world. Any sort of notice almost hurts him, and in Dorchester kindly people avoid greeting him, knowing that he shrinks even from such attentions. Mr. Hardy was a regular caller at a quiet little inn for a fortnight, and then someone at the inn said to him, "Good morning, Mr. Hardy." He looked up with frightened eyes, flushed his face, and went. And never again did he enter that inn.

A Dispute With Queen Victoria.

Among the many interesting memories of Lord Eversley, the veteran Liberal who has just celebrated his ninety-third birthday, is the occasion when he was involved in a dispute with Queen Victoria.

He was then, as the Rt. Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, the first Commissioner of Works in Mr. Gladstone's Ministry of 1880. Some trees were blown down in Hampton Court Park, and examination having proved the wood to be unsalable, Mr. Shaw-Lefevre decided that the poor of Hampton might be permitted to take it away for firewood. But an official in the department of Her Majesty's Horse claimed the wood as his perquisite, and when a wordy argument followed Queen Victoria vigorously defended the rights of the Crown.

It was Lord Eversley who, as Postmaster-General in 1882-1884, introduced the sixpenny telegram.

Canada's Lumber King Used to Feed His Men.

J. R. Booth, the veteran lumberman of Ottawa, is said to be the wealthiest man in Canada today, but his beginning in the lumber business was a humble one.

He was telling an acquaintance recently that in the early days when he started his little saw mill on the Chaudiere, he boarded his men in his home down on the flats just to the south of the Ottawa river.

He said that in the morning he would go down and start the fire and put the kettle on, and while his wife was making other preparations for breakfast he would pare the potatoes, and—"By George," he said, "you've no idea how many potatoes those men would eat."

Air Post Stamps.

Although the earliest experiment in the transport of mails by aeroplane took place only so recently as 1911, some of the stamps borne on letters carried by aerial post are already fetching fairly high prices.

At a recent auction sale in London the envelope of a letter brought from America by the airship R34 realized \$160.

From \$175 to \$250 is the worth of the envelope of any one of the ninety-five letters carried by the late I. G. Hawker when he tried to fly across the Atlantic by aeroplane.

The 24 cents aero stamp of the United States, printed in error with the aeroplane flying upside-down, realized \$750.

Seek Grave of Hun King.

The unearthing of Tutenkhamen's tomb has started a general king-hunt among archaeologists, and no peacefully resting bones are secure.

Hungarian and Austrian scientists, led by Dr. Ferdinand Attila, have reopened the search for the original grave of the Hun King, Attila, digging in the neighborhood of Scotos, near the River Theiss, in the big Hungarian plainland.

Previous excavations in the territory uncovered valuable archaeological material dating from Attila's reign, though the grave of the king, who called himself the "Scourge of God," remains unopened. It is believed his grave, if discovered, would contain few valuables, because Attila, though he received at his court the jewels and gold of plunderers, lived himself in the utmost simplicity.

Scarcely anything else is so tasteless as pure water, yet everyone wants his drinking water to "taste good." The problem of the sanitary engineer is not only to keep the public water supply pure—that is, free from disease germs—but also to eliminate objectionable tastes, such as vegetable matter often causes.

The Captain's Book of Etiquette.

The old sea captain and his mates were sticklers for form. In fact, etiquette, as they called it, had become a mania with them. After dinner when the cloth was cleared, writes Sir Henry Robinson in *Memories, Wise and Otherwise*, the captain often would send for the mates and the engineer and as we sat round the table profound hard cases on points of etiquette.

He used for his guide and mentor an amazing old tattered book that I sometimes think must have been intended to be comic, because it presupposed such utterly absurd situations. For example, if you were on top of an omnibus and saw a duchess in the street you could not with propriety wave your umbrella at her, no matter how well you knew her. Another thing: when dining with strangers you must not ask the butler for a toothpick at soup. There were many such "hard cases."

The captain used to rule a sheet of paper and put all our names down and award marks in accordance with our replies to the queries put. There was one that made such an impression on me that I made a pencil note of it, and I remember it to this day. We were all sitting round the table; the paper was ruled, and the captain began:

"Now, Mackay, we'll take you first. If you was walking in a field with a young lady with whom you was but slightly acquainted, and she was to sit down on the grass, what should you do?"

Mackay paused to try and imagine what his feelings and intentions would be in such a case, and then replied, "I'd offer to get her a chair."

"Um, ah," said the skipper. "Not bad, but you might 'ave to walk a couple of miles to get one, and it wouldn't look shipshape for an officer of one of Her Majesty's finest cruisers to be walking about the countryside in a chair after him. However, it's a thoughtful-like thing, and I'll give you five marks. Now, Mr. Tre-lawney, what do you say?"

"Well," said Trelawney, "I'd argue with her again, if it was worth while to move her to take off my coat and give it to her to sit on."

The captain thought deeply. "Well, I don't think that's the answer, but I would be a delicate kind of thing to do, and I'll give you seven. Now, Mr. Lyons, you're next."

"I'd ax the young lady for to get up and run me a race," said the plump little second mate.

"Go on!" said the skipper. "How could you expect a lady with whom you were but slightly acquainted to start running races with a pot-bellied little bloke like you?"

Then after we had all offered our solutions to the hard case the skipper explained the key at the end of the book and announced what the answers of refined society ordained as the duty of the male escort if a lady of high degree decided suddenly to sit down on the grass. "The gentleman," read the skipper, "must remain standing till the lady axes him for to sit down."

"Of course, of course," said the mate; "fools we were not to have seen it."

Gibraltar's Height.

The rock of Gibraltar is more than 1,400 feet high.

Every motoring party likes to choose a naturally beautiful spot for the roadside picnic, but, if the place is littered with broken bottles, tin cans, newspapers and a discarded tire or two, the beauty is spoiled. The first rule for picnic parties is to leave the grounds, not as they found them, but as they would like to find them.

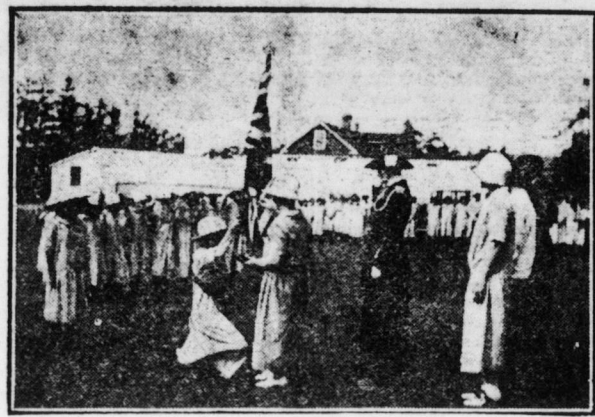
Surnames and Their Origin

LINCOLN.
Racial Origin—English.
Source—A locality.

The origin of the family name of Lincoln is simple. It comes from the town of the same name in England.

Like all surnames of the same classification it was originally descriptive of the bearer's place of residence, or rather his former place of residence. In that period of the middle ages when populations began to increase rapidly the supply of given names was overtaxed. The first result of this was the tendency among parents to give their offspring new variations of given names, made up often by the addition of diminutives added to the name or a single syllable of the name. Even this, however, was not enough, when communication between various communities became more common and men moved more from place to place. It became quite usual to speak of this, that or the other Roger or John or Ivo by reference to the place from which he had come. Thus the name of Lincoln was originally preceded by "de," indicating "of Lincoln" or "from Lincoln."

The place name itself is a relic of pre-Saxon days, being a compound of "lin" and "coln," signifying in the ancient British tongue, a lake on a hill. The Welsh is "lyn," the Cornish "lyn" and the Gaelic "linne."



The above photograph shows the presentation of colors to the Mohawk Company of the Brantford Girl Guides, the only company of Indian guides in Canada.

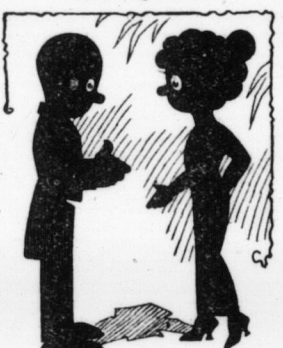
PEOPLE "ALL NERVES"

What to Do if You Find Yourself in This Condition.

The sort of thing that specialists speak of as nervous debility is the run-down condition caused by over-work, household care or worries. The sufferers find themselves tired, morose, low-spirited and unable to keep their minds on anything. Any sudden noise startles and sets the heart palpitating violently. They are full of groundless fears, and do not sleep well at night. The hands tremble and the legs feel as if they would give way, following a walk or any exertion. The whole condition of such people may be described as pitiable.

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Cruel. She: "Sweetheart, would you die for me?" He: "It wouldn't do you any good—I'm not insured."

Autos Increase in Palestine.
Motor traffic, insignificant in Palestine before the war, is today more developed than in most European countries, due to the system of excellent roads constructed by the British government and the Palestine Foundation Fund, according to a report from Jerusalem made public by Samuel Untermyer, president of the fund, which receives most of its financial support from American Jews.

The world has an estimated stock of forty-two tons of diamonds.

Minard's Liniment for Rheumatism.

Wills With Strings.

In a will recently probated in England the testator, who was a teetotaler, left his house to a relative on condition that not only should no spirituous liquor be drunk by the legatees, but that none should ever be consumed in the house.

This will recalls that of the late Mr. Richard Cory, who left over half a million, and provided in his will that no person should benefit under it unless he or she remained a total abstainer. He also directed that no person should have any of his money who adopted the Roman Catholic faith. Novelists are fond of a plot in which a will lays down that the inheritor must marry within a certain period. Such wills are rare in real life, but a Mr. Nelson Jow, an Irishman, on his death, left his brother three farms and \$30,000 on condition that he married within six months. The brother lost no time in fulfilling the necessary condition.

The late Sir J. Blundell Maple left a great fortune to his daughter on condition that she spent at least 240 days out of each year in England. An appeal against the condition went against the lady.

Conditions made by testators are not, however, always good in law. A man left his sister \$20,000 on condition that she never married, but a year or so later, when she went to the Courts about the matter, the judge granted her relief.

In another case a man left a large fortune to a nephew, with the stipulation that his—his—body was to be handed over to a hospital. On his death the money was to go to the hospital.

It appears that, in English law, a subject cannot legally bequeath his or her body for scientific purposes, so in this case the nephew was not obliged to carry out the unpleasant condition.

An American left \$300,000 to his wife, with the stipulation that she should forfeit every penny of she appeared in any public place unveiled, or even smiled at a man. These ridiculous conditions were held to be tyrannical and the will was set free from them by the Courts.

So, too, in the case of the London stockbroker, who left his son a huge fortune on condition that he never visited or saw his mother.

But not everyone is so fortunate. Some apparently strange wills have been held good in law.

The oddest will of recent years was that of the Indian merchant, Mr. Charles Wallace, who left \$1,250,000 to his son, but only on condition that he obtained a baronetcy. The son attempted to obtain relief, but the Court decided against him.



Would Be Pleased Indeed. Bum Composer—"Would you like to hear my last song?" The Grouch—"It would give me genuine pleasure, my dear sir."

ing time might be pardoned if they'd only kill their own; but they murder yours and mine—kill our moments as they shine, butcher minutes which are rightly ours alone. Which is why I say in rhyme that the men who will our time should be banished to an island in the sea, where, among the leafy bowers, they can kill a string of hours and not have a chance to bother you and me.—Walt Mason.

"Lofty" the world's tallest man, is 9 ft. 3 1/2 in. in height, and has smoked ever since he was a boy. He is 23 years of age, and his real name is Jan van Albert.

A deaf and dumb person who is fairly expert at the finger language can speak about forty-three words a minute.

If the King Calls.

In ordinary society, should one person call upon another, it is the rule to return that visit within a certain period. But should Royalty do the subject the honor of a visit, the rule is altered, says an English magazine. Unless specially requested to do so, you do not return the call.

The late Mr. Stead once described a call he made on the late Czar of Russia, and related how, after a long chat, he felt he was tiring the Czar, so politely took his leave. This, of course, was quite against established etiquette. It is always the Royal host who on such occasions dismisses the visitor.

King George has made himself one with his people. Sailor-like, he dislikes an excess of ceremony, and many rules which were in force in previous reigns he has relaxed. For instance, in Queen Victoria's time, when anyone was presented to her, he or she kissed her hand. To-day both the King and the Queen shake hands like anyone else.

But it is still the custom, when the King dines, that he is helped before anyone else, and that both he and the Queen have their special footmen to serve them at all meals.

In the old days the monarch's procedure put him even in front of women. It was King Edward who altered this. In entering a carriage or car he always stood aside to help in the Queen or other ladies.

You should still be careful, when in Royalty's presence, not to turn your back upon them, and equally so not to sit down, unless invited to do so. The Queen herself has rather a custom of standing, and some of her ladies are said to find this habit of hers a little trying at times.

BABY'S GREAT DANGER DURING HOT WEATHER

More little ones die during the hot weather than at any other time of the year. Diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera infantum and stomach troubles come without warning, and when a medicine is not at hand to give promptly the short delay too frequently means that the child has passed beyond aid. Baby's Own Tablets should always be kept in the house where there are young children. An occasional dose of the Tablets will prevent stomach and bowel troubles, or if the trouble comes suddenly the prompt use of the Tablets will relieve the baby. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A Dinner Jacket in the Jungle.

Discussing the influences that make the character of a man, Mr. Raymond Blathway in the *Tapestry of Life* gives credit to the English public schools or inculcating in the youth of the land the spirit that build the British Empire. Such slogans as "Go it, Eton!" "Well done, Rugby!"—which once gave the thrill of a great determination never to quit whatever the odds—have, he believes, carried the English into far places. As a good example of that dogged spirit he tells this story.

I was once traveling through a vast forest in India when I came upon a lonely bungalow far from the haunts of men. A young Englishman came forward to meet me and insisted on my stopping over as his guest for a day or two. I gladly accepted, for the heat was terrific, and a great storm was coming up over the mountains. But despite the fact that the thermometer marked one hundred and twelve degrees in the shade and that my host was trembling with fever and ague he insisted on putting on a stiff white shirt and a dinner jacket. No one who has not experienced it has any conception what the discomfort of such a costume means in the plains of India in the height of the hot season. I commented on it with a good deal of astonishment.

"Well," he replied, "I daresay it does strike you as rather odd. I haven't seen a white woman for two years, and I am always alone here, but I feel it keeps me in touch with the old country, and it helps to keep me decent and from becoming a slack-er."

As I looked at the poor young fellow—he was only twenty-five years old—and gazed early upon his thin, white face and noticed how now and again the dreadful fever and ague took hold of him and shook him until his teeth rattled I could not but reflect upon the magnificent dominance of that undying sixteenth-century spirit: "Play up, play up, and play the game!"

Minard's Liniment Relieves Pain.

June brides may be interested in the account of a recent wedding in a small town in Rumania. Ten thousand people appeared as guests and brought presents that filled three large rooms. The ceremonies lasted a week, and the guests consumed thirty-two oxen, two hundred and ten sheep, one hundred and sixty calves, twenty-one hundred geese and three thousand chickens. The bride was the daughter of a famous rabbi.

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Seventeen-Year-Old Youth is 7 Feet 4 Inches.

Gunnar Edwin Johnson, seventeen years of age, who expects to be a great help to his mother when he grows up, wriggled out of a passenger coach at the Canadian Pacific station the other day and breathed a sigh of relief as he stretched his knees again.

Gunnar is from Maryfield, Saskatchewan. He is just seven feet four inches tall and is still growing. He has no use at all for train journeys, because he has to tie himself in knots in the seats, and sleep is out of the question.

The young skyscraper was born at Maryfield and has worked on a farm and in a garage throughout his life. The trip to Winnipeg is in the nature of a holiday. He is visiting C. H. Olson.

The lad is of Icelandic parentage. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnson, are of normal height, his father being 5 feet 11 inches and his mother 5 feet 6 inches.

Early in his life young Johnson showed rapid growth. At five years of age he could just walk under his father's outstretched arm. At seven he was his dad's equal in altitude. "I've never been sick a day in my life," he said recently, "and I want now to take up some gymnastic training. I've never had a chance to do that yet, and I think a boy should develop himself while he's growing."

The gigantic youth does not drink, smoke or chew. He passed his high school entrance examinations two years ago, having attended the country school at Bardal, Saskatchewan. He is an able motor mechanic. His strength is proportionate to his size.

Despite his size the boy has not a large appetite. He eats very little more than the average man. He wears a No. 20 shoe. Hereditary traits may have something to do with his abnormal development, for his grandfather, he said, was more than seven feet tall. At present Gunnar weighs 245 pounds and his reach—from fingertip to fingertip—is seven feet four inches, exactly equal to his height.

Cane Juice Heavy.
The sugar cane juice, constituting about 86 per cent. of the weight of the cane, says "Nature Magazine," is clarified by the addition of lime.

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To the Judge.

Friend of my earliest youth, Can't you arrange to come down And visit a fellow out here in the woods—

Out of the dust of the town? Can't you forget you're a Judge, And put by your dolorous frown, And tan your wax face in the smile of a friend—

Can't you arrange to come down?

Can't you forget for a while, The arguments prey and dream— To lean at full length in indefinite rest,

In the lap of the greenery here? Can't you kick over the Bench, And hunk yourself out of your gown,

To dangle your legs where the fishing is good, Can't you arrange to come down?

"Judge it" out here, if you will— The birds are in season by dawn, You can draw, not complaints, but a sketch of the hill

And a breath that your betters have drawn; You can open your heart, like a case, To a jury of blue, white and brown, And their verdict of "Moot" will just satisfy you.

Can't you arrange to come down? —Jas. Whitcomb Riley.

I would make every girl salute the cradle.—The Bishop of Exeter.



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