

Stories About Famous People

A Hutchinson Story.

The news that A. S. M. Hutchinson's novel, "If Winter Comes," is to be produced on the screen, recalls a story the famous author was heard tell about a friend of his who was once staying with a wealthy host.

When he went to his bedroom he found the dressing table heaped with silver articles of toilet, and promptly bestowed them in a drawer to make room for his own humble belongings. His visit ended, he left for home by an early morning train. Arrived home, he was greeted by a telegram from the wife of his host, demanding:

"What have you done with the silver?"

He wired the reply: "Poor but honest; look in the lower drawer."

Virtue Rewarded.

Sir Harry Lauder has just said that only half the people in the world know how to enjoy life. Sir Harry himself adds to life's enjoyment by his ceaseless flow of funny stories, of which the following is the latest I have heard.

A Scottish cowkeeper sent his boy to feed the cows with cabbages, and told him to give the biggest cabbage to the cow that produced the most milk. When the boy returned, he asked:

"Did ye do as I told ye? Did ye gie the biggest cabbage to the one that gies the maist milk?"

"Oh, ay, maister!" replied the youth. "I hung the biggest on the pump!"

No Judge.

Here is another Lauder story which Sir Harry himself probably does not know. At any rate, it has never before appeared in print.

He was appearing at a local hall, and his humor convulsed every member of the audience save one very serious-looking man, who stared at him solemnly throughout the performance without the glimmer of a smile. After his turn was over, another comedian took his place, and told his best story. The solemn man was convulsed.

"Well, that's done it!" said the comedian gloomily. "I thought it was funny!"

Oldest Lawyer in England.

Sir Harry Poland, the oldest barrister in England, recently reached his ninety-fourth year. He was called to the bar seventy-one years ago, and for forty years he practised at the Old Bailey, appearing in many famous cases. He has prosecuted more murderers than any man living. In spite of his years he is still hale and hearty, and he gives this recipe for long life:

"Eat and drink in moderation and take plenty of exercise. Nothing beats walking, and I intend to go on walking every day until I'm a hundred!"

Sir Harry has known eight lord chief justices, and his memory takes him back to the reign of William IV. He was at St. Paul's for the funeral of the Duke of Wellington, and he recalls the building of Nelson's monument in Trafalgar Square.

A story told against him concerns his lack of regard for clothes. A suit made for him was such a bad fit that his valet called on the tailor.

"I'm very sorry, ma'am," was the reply, "but Sir Harry is the first customer I've had who insists on being measured sitting down."

"Don't worry about that," interrupted the great lawyer, "I wear most of my clothes out that way!"

Hotter Than the Sun.

Until a few years ago it was thought that the sun's heat was the greatest that could exist. You can realize how intense it is when you think that the rays that burn our faces brown in summer time have travelled across 92,000,000 miles of space.

Scientists have succeeded in producing a temperature that is thousands of degrees hotter than the sun's surface. It was desired to study the composition of certain metals, and the only way of doing so was to reduce them to gas by applying heat.

The temperature necessary was enormous, and months of experiments were needed before a means of producing it could be found. Eventually a huge electrical apparatus was installed which produced heat so terrific that metals were converted, not slowly, but instantly, into gas; in fact, pieces of tungsten were made to explode as if they had been dynamite. The heat generated reached a temperature of 40,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Fifty pounds of ivory is the average yield of one elephant.

In some parts of California oil is struck as near as 30 feet to the earth's surface.

Scavengers were originally officials who collected scavage, a tax imposed in many English towns upon all goods exposed for sale within their boundaries. The tax was abolished by Henry VII.

To be popular at home is a great achievement. The man who is loved by the cat, by the dog, by his neighbors' children, and by his own wife is a great man, even if he has never had his name in "Who's Who."



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Surnames and Their Origin

APPLEBY

Racial Origin—English. Source—A locality.

Appleby is one of those family names which is a straight development from the name of a place, and, of course, in the first instance its use as a surname was to indicate that the person bearing it had come from that locality, or was in some way connected with it.

Appleby is the name of a town in England. Hence, barring possible usage on the part of a feudal overlord to denote suzerainty, it was the sort of name that was adopted by persons who had left that town and settled in other parts, for it would have been no distinction to speak of a man as John of Appleby when he was surrounded by Rogers, Wills, Hams, Jameses and Roberts, all also of Appleby.

Some etymologists derived the place name of Appleby from Anglo-Saxon sources, holding that it is a combination of the words "apple" and "by," the latter meaning "town." As a matter of fact, however, the town was in existence before Anglo-Saxon times, and was known to the Romans as "Aballaba," which probably was the Latin version of a British name.

CURTIN

Variations—Curtain, MacCurtin, MacCurtain, Jordan, Jourdan. Racial Origin—Irish. Source—A given name.

At the outset it should be explained that the forms Jordan and Jourdan, when they really are developments of the names in this group, represent merely arbitrary changes on the part of the bearers from an Irish name to an English name that happened to sound a bit like it. Such changes were frequently made as a result of English laws promulgated in Ireland at various times prohibiting the use of native nomenclature.

There are two Gaelic spellings of the name from which this group of anglicized forms has developed. They are "O'Curraighin" and "O'Crutlin." Though the more ancient designation of the clan was "Cann Crutlin." The clan name was derived from the given name of the chieftain who founded it, one "Crutlin Pile" or "Crutlin the Poet." As nearly as can be judged from available records, which are certain as to genealogy, but a bit vague as to dates, this chieftain lived about 1100 or 1200 A.D. The clan he founded is an offshoot of the O'Connors of Corcomroe.

A Labrador Pet.

Of my Labrador pets none, writes Capt. George Cartwright in the entry in his Labrador Journal for August 14, 1774, was so attractive as a deer that had been captured when very young. I took a walk round the island, but saw nothing. I was attended by my young deer, which is now perfectly tame, and I shall now make some remarks on those animals. Notwithstanding reindeer are naturally very wild and timorous, yet no creature is so soon so effectually tamed if taken young; but what they may be when caught afterwards I cannot tell. They not only grow very bold, but also show great affection for such men and dogs as they take a liking to and have a great spite against those who affront them.

This deer of mine has had its full liberty ever since the fourth day after it was caught (except a few nights confinement to the crib, lest the dogs should kill it when we were all asleep) but since that it has constantly lain out. It is not in the least alarmed at any noise, not even at the report of a gun fired close to it; but it is much terrified if any dog runs after or even near it, and any running of the people instantly frightens it; but the moment all is quiet, it is so too. It will often go up to a dog and smell to him; it is well acquainted with all of mine and will lie down by the fire amongst them.

I believe they never sleep, for as much as I have watched this I never could observe that it was asleep; or kept its eyes closed more than two seconds at a time, and if I moved ever

so little, it would start up. When I have lain down on the bed, at a time when it was lying on the floor, it would start up every five or six minutes and come to see that I was not gone; and having licked my face or sucked my neck handkerchief a little, it would quietly lie down again. When at any time it lost me it would run about grunting like a hog, and never rest until it had found me, when it would run up to me in full speed. Sometimes I have diverted myself with stooping and running both after and from it, which pleased it much; and it would do the same and frisk about in the same manner as I have seen the wild calves one among another; and I have likewise observed that when it is frightened it erects its single, which at all other times hangs down.

The halo had its origin about two thousand years ago. To guard against the possibility of rain staining the marble faces of their gods the Greeks used to protect them with a large metal plate placed over the top of the head. These were mistaken by painters in later years for emblems of divinity. Accordingly, our Christian saints are pictured with the ring which we call a halo.

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Minard's Liniment for Garget in Cows.

A Four-Mile Laugh.

How they laughed, those miners, when poor Mr. Basuto carried the drill for the first time! The story, as Mr. Burke Burnett tells it in the Wide World Magazine, is perhaps as amusing as one as has ever come from the diamond fields of South Africa. While we are laughing at the drill carrier, however, we should not forget his courage and persistence.

A Kimberley diamond mine, writes Mr. Burnett, was being worked in terraces, so that everyone in the mine had a good view of all the workings. One of a gang of raw Basutos who had just arrived was given a twenty-foot drill and told to go to the top of an incline in the centre of the mine and wait there until his boss came.

The native started off proudly, carrying the drill on his shoulder as if it were an assagai. Halfway up the incline the drill came into contact with live wire some twelve feet from the ground. Mr. Basuto, of course got a shock that sent him flying, and the drill was knocked out of his hand. I never in my life saw a more startled native. When he picked himself up, he stood looking at the drill; then he walked all round it and glanced over the side of the incline to see if the fellow who had hit him were hiding there. Finally he came slowly back toward the drill and regarded it suspiciously as it lay on the ground. By that time virtually everyone in the mine was watching him.

Gaining courage, the native crept up to the drill and, putting out his hand, touched it lightly. Finding that it did not bite him or kick him, he picked it up and, glancing round again, put it on his shoulder. He had taken only one or two steps, however, when the drill again touched the electric wire. Down went the implement for the second time, and round spun Mr. Basuto. All work had ceased, and the whole mine was waiting to see what he would do next.

The native stared at the drill as if he expected to see it get up and attack him; then, crouching low, he crept to the side of the incline to make sure once again that no one was hiding there. Returning he picked up a good-sized rock as a weapon and approached the drill on tiptoe. He stubbed it with his foot; he rolled it over two or three times; then he stooped, glanced round and began slowly to pick it up. Finally he got it on his shoulder, and still looking suspiciously about him, started upward again.

Everyone was now holding his breath. There was not a sound in the whole mine. The native took one step forward and then, presumably to catch the fellow who had been hitting the drill, jumped suddenly round. As he turned the drill touched the wire again! Mr. Basuto must have got an extra dose of current that time, for the drill flew over the side of the incline and the unfortunate native was knocked flat on his back.

Until now he had not spoken a word, but the howls and yells that he uttered as he sprang to his feet and rushed headlong down the incline would have done credit to an imp. And the roar of laughter that went up from the mine a second or two later was heard in the centre of the town, four miles away!

The Power of Love.

Some time ago, a traveler in Central America became interested in a young negro and brought him North. After transplanting him, the negro's photograph was taken. It showed a very crude, rough individual, but apparently of great physical strength. Every thirty days, for six months thereafter, the man had his negro protégé photographed, and at the end of that time placed the photographs side by side to note the change which a new, encouraging, stimulating environment was working in him.

The improvement was indeed, marvelous. One could see how, from month to month, kindness was registering its softening, refining, spiritualizing effects in the facial expression of the rough, coarse negro. At the end of the six months, one who did not see the whole series would scarcely recognize the face in the last photograph as one and the same as that in the first. As a matter of fact, it was not the same. Love and kindness, the opening up of the mind by education and training, had developed the man's soul and transformed his face into a new one.

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Names You Know.

If you look through a directory you will find a most amazing number of family names which are identical with those of familiar objects, elements, seasons, animals, and implements, and others which, though the spelling is slightly changed, are substantially like them.

March and May represent the months. Day is quite a common name, and one also finds Weeks, though not Weeks, tomorrow, too, appears.

Dew, Frost, Snow, Cloud are all family names, as well as Storm, Gale and Rane.

The cardinal points of the compass—East, West, North, South—are all represented; Moon, too, and Starr, though not Sun.

Many of the common colors furnish names. There are Black, White, Green, Brown, Gray, Pink, and Scarlett.

A very considerable number of names arise from the animal world. Examples are Bullcock, Bull, Lamb, Kidd, Colt, Badger, Hogge, Hare and Wolfe. You notice that in several of these the old spelling are preserved. Birds give us Wren, Heron, Crane, Crowe and Lark. Bird itself is also a not uncommon name.

From plant life we gather such names as Rose, Flower, Berry, Cotton, Rice, Oates, Bean, as well as Almond, Oakes, Ashe, and Pine. We also have parts of plants, such as Root, Branch and Twig.

Haddock, Rosch, Bass, and Crabbe come evidently from the fish creation; and Church, Temple, Tower and Abbey are from familiar buildings.

Parts of buildings are represented by Wall, Post, Hall, Lock, Bolt and several others.

Many names are the same as those of household implements. We may quote Shears, Scales, Bell, Broom, Mallet and Sickle.

Natural features of the landscape provide Hill, Pond, Field, Marsh, Glenn, Dale, Brook, Rivera, Banks, Meadows, Moore, Cliffe, Ridge and others too numerous to mention.

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Where Women Mustn't Whistle.

Numbers of things are taboo among Cornish fisher folk. No woman is allowed to whistle or had luck will surely follow.

Taking a party to sea is another invitation to disaster, while bread must be carried on board either in slices or as a whole loaf. A half-loaf of bread in a fishing boat signifies that only half the usual catch of fish will be taken.

Animals are regarded with particular distrust, and dogs and cats must not be mentioned when the nets are out.

Plovers have been scarce in St. Ives Bay since the railway was built along its shores, and fishermen believe that the engine whistle frightens the fish away.

St. Ives people declare that fish are very "knowing." When dog-fish were doing damage to the nets some fishermen caught one, flogged it, and let it go again to tell its fellows what would happen if they did not clear out of the neighborhood.

Minard's Liniment for Distemper.

ONTARIO MAN SAYS IT KEPT HIM ON JOB

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So to live is heaven: To make undying music in the world, Breathing as beautiful order that controls

With growing away the growing life of man.

So we inherit that sweet purity For which we struggled, failed and agonized

With widening retrospect that bread deepens

Rebellious flesh that would not be subdued.

A vicious parent shaming still its child, Poor, anxious penitence is quick dissolved:

Its discords, quenched by meeting harmonies,

Die in the large and charitable air; And all our rarer, better, truer self, That sobbed religiously in yearning song,

That watched to ease the burden of the world,

Laboriously tracing what must be, And what may yet be better—saw within

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That better self shall live till human Time

Shall fold its eyelids, and the human sky

Be gathered like a scroll within the tomb

Unread forever.

This is life to come

Which martyred men have made more glorious

For us who strive to follow. May I reach

That purest heaven, be to other souls The cup of strength in some great agony.

Enkindle generous ardor, feed pure love

Begot the smiles that have no cruelty, Be the sweet presence of a good diffused,

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