

NOT WHAT THEIR NAMES INDICATE

Arabic figures were not invented by the arabs, but by the Indians.

Baffin's Bay is not a bay at all.

Brazilian grass does not come from Brazil, and, in fact, is not a grass at all.

Dormouse is dormeuse, a sleep animal.

Galvanized iron is not galvanized. It is iron coated with zinc, and this is done by dipping it in a zinc bath containing muriatic acid.

German silver is not silver, nor was the mixture invented in

the land of the Kaiser. It has been in use in China for centuries.

Irish stew is a dish utterly unknown in the Emerald Isle.

Pen means a feather. A steel pen is, therefore, a rather curious expression.

Rice paper is not made from rice, but from the pith of tung-tsau, or hollow plant, so called because it is hollow when the pith has been pushed out.

Sealing wax is not a wax at all, nor does it contain a particle of wax. It is manufactured from shellac, Venice turpentine, and cinnabar.

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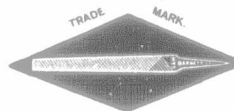
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