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There's only one New Bern in the entire United States, but you'll find a Newbern in Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia, and a Newberne in West Virginia.

A careful count by The Mirror reveals no less than 275 towns in America that start their names with the word New. Least attractive handle of the lot, in times like these, belongs to New Russia, N. Y.

Most of us think of Connecticut's Coast Guard Academy site when someone says New London, but don't disregard the New Londons in Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin.

Our investigation turned up New Berlins in Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, while Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania can lay claim to a New Paris.

Travelling through Illinois and Ohio, you're apt to find yourself in a New Athens, and Indiana boasts of two Biblical sounding towns, New Palestine and New Lebanon. New York and Ohio also have New Lebanons.

Maine contributes a New Sweden to the list, New York a New Scotland, Minnesota a New Prague, and Missouri a New Madrid. Iowa and Ohio each have a New Vienna. There are New Baltimores in Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania.

Not all of the New towns are named for countries and cities of note. You can enter a New Era in Michigan, find New Hope in Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Virginia, and enjoy New Harmony in Indiana and Utah.

For some reason the city of Albany, N. Y., has had its name spread generously around. Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Ohio and Pennsylvania all have a New Albany in their midst.

Added, of course, to towns that use NEW as a separate word in their name are hundreds of others that combine it with another word such as Newark, N. J.

It's no secret that social climbers are willing to endure almost anything (snubs included) to get above their raising. Now, from what we hear, a lot of foolishly vain mortals in Washington and way points are regarding the common cold (and common is the perfect adjective) as a status symbol.

Perhaps it's rude to remind those who display their Johnson-type sniffles and hoarseness like a coat of arms that monkeys as well as Presidents and Governors catch colds. The only difference is that monkeys don't get headlines.

If you still insist on being uppity about your ailment, the technical name for it is coryza. The disease is hardly exclusive, seeing as how records show that as many as 20 million Americans are apt to have colds at the same time during a typical year.

To put it another way, statistics indicate that 90 percent of the human inhabitants of the United States have at least one cold a year, and 50 percent have several. Inaugural symptoms notwithstanding, there ain't much social status (Continued on page 3)



WHEN YA GOTTA GO—Mission accomplished, Alderman Ben Hurst's dog makes tracks from a favorite tree during Sunday's snow, intent on reaching a warm fireside. Hurst plods along some distance away. Virtually all of New Bern's canines enjoy a romp in the

white stuff. Later, they try to figure, like a kid whose cotton candy disappears, where it has gone. The scene is near the Hurst home below.—Photo by Billy Benner.



TOPPED WITH FROSTING—Visitors and home towners alike admire the attractive frame dwelling that Ben and Charlotte Hurst live in at Gull Harbor on upper East Front street. Owned by Dr. Charles Ashford, it was moved intact from upper Pollock street

several years ago, and restored to its former beauty. Because so many New Bernians love the house, we knew you would like to have a snow picture of it.—Photo by Billy Benner.