

PLACE NAMES TAKE STRANGE DISGUISES

Spelling Altered to Fit Way They Are Pronounced.

Washington.—"Every godfather can give a name," according to Shakespeare; but keeping a name, is often a problem. Places have a harder time than people in preserving their names uncorrupted, according to the National Geographic society.

"If the spelling of names continues to be altered to fit the way they are pronounced, descendants of persons now living in Gloucester and Worcester, Mass., and Sioux City, Iowa, might even come to spell them 'Gloster,' 'Wooster,' and 'Soe City,'" continues the bulletin.

"English pioneers in the United States encountering French names frequently pronounced them in such 'hot potato' fashion that the original form is scarcely recognizable. Thus Luray, Va., was once La Reine; Rickreall, Ore., was La Creole; Sallisaw, Okla., came from Salaison, meaning 'salt provision.'

Names Are Garbled.

"Rivers, streams and creeks fared even worse than towns and cities in having their names garbled. In Arkansas, the Chenin Couvert stream became the Smackover.

"Spanish names, as well as French ones, have proved stumbling blocks. Among the familiar is Key West, Fla., evolved from Cayo Hueso, meaning 'bone reef.'

"Indian names have proved tongue trippers. The Inudian name law-sauk, 'middle creek,' for a village and creek in Pennsylvania has become Loyalsock. Connecticut is the way pioneers pronounced the Indian Quonotacut, an interpretation of which is 'the river whose water is driven in waves by tides or winds.'

"Names are legion that have been spelled according to sound. The plateau known as the 'aux arcs' by early French settlers, later became Ozark. 'Aux Arcs' has been interpreted variously as referring to a French trading post among the Arkansas Indians, or to bends in the White river, which flows through that region. Yosemite is an approximation of the Indian name for grizzly bear, 'Uzumatti.'

"Slurring of combined names now and then forms a new name. The swift Rapidan river in Virginia is said to have been first called the 'Anne' for Queen Anne of England. 'Rapid' was added, referring to its current.

Blame Clerical Errors.

"Sometimes a clerical error is responsible for an odd name. Glasco, Kan., derived its name when a postmaster misspelled Glasgow. The classic example of a place christened erroneously is Nome, Alaska. Cartographers applying epithets to places on a map of Alaska ran out of new names, and marked a cape tentatively Name? A draughtsman mistakenly copied it as Cape Nome, and so it has remained.

"While scores of place names become peculiar after being buffeted about for centuries, others are odd to start with. Among the queer ones Goloid, Texas, formed from part of the name of the Mexican hero, Hidalgo; and Yreka, Calif., formed by transposing most of Bakery. Yewed, Okla., is the reverse of Dewey, in whose honor it was named.

"Another group of names are the hybrid pieced together out of scraps of several existing names. A well-known patchwork name is Texarkana, Connecticut has Hadlyme (from Haddam and Lyme) and Winsted (from Winchester and Barkhamsted). California claims Callistoga (from California and Saratoga) and Calexico. Kansas contributes its share with Grenola (based on Greenfield and Kanola) Kanopolis (parts of Kansas and Centropolis) and Kanorado.

New Motor Fuel Better Than Gas Now Being Used

Vienna.—A three-weeks' Alpine test race proved to satisfaction of authorities that the new motor fuel invented by Baron Alfred Coreth is better and cheaper than present liquid motor fuels.

A gold medal was awarded Baron Coreth by an international commission of examiners and the invention has already been purchased by a group of English financiers.

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Believe Chinese Wives Joined in Suicide Club

Amoy, China.—A wave of suicides in the past few weeks reached a climax here when the bodies of seven young married women were found in a nearby Wanchuan village.

All the victims were married and were said to have been dissatisfied with their home life. Their death was considered further evidence that a "suicide league" exists here and also in Hulan Hsien.

Historic Inn Sold for \$1
Upper Sandusky, Ohio.—Garret's tavern, historical landmark here, once visited by the noted English author, Charles Dickens, in his American travels, has been purchased by the Wyandot National Museum for \$1.

Lights of New York
by L. L. STEVENSON

Ramblings and ruminations: That West side district, hard by the waterfront, that is said to be the center of the dope traffic of the city. . . Sullen little stores. . . Sullen groups on corners. . . Conversations in extremely low voice. . . Pallid young men of the gangsters type. . . With cigars dangling loosely from corners of mouths. . . Furtive-eyed women lurking in hallways. . . A general air of gloom and decadence. . . and a policeman strolling along with badge and brass buttons gleaming. . . Would like to have seen South street when the booms of sailing vessels projected over cobblestones. . . Covered piers have taken much of the romance away from the Hudson and East rivers. . . Dark-skinned Syrians with wares of many kinds. . . From here, they spread out all over the country. . . Two flashing young men conversing earnestly in Spanish. . . and a lad with a guitar in the background. . . Romance, possibly.

The modernistic front of the office of the conservative Wall Street Journal. . . Passport seekers entering the old sub-treasury building. . . and a group conversing in a foreign language. . . In front of the statue which marks the spot where George Washington took the oath as first President of the United States. . . Two forlorn musicians playing in a tenement side street. . . Even their tin cup is battered. . . A pitchman selling dictionaries. . . The first time I've seen that. . . Though the streets of New York are the vending place of almost everything. . . A photographer getting a shot of the Woolworth building from the arcade of the Municipal building. . . Must try that some time myself. . . Those stone columns should make an excellent foreground. . . Gypsy fortune tellers in gay-colored gowns. . . The odor of roasting chestnuts. . . A sure sign of late fall in Manhattan.

Sign in the Hudson tubes: "Umbrellas rented—25 cents for three days use" . . . Wonder what happens in case the umbrella is left somewhere? . . . Maybe canes aren't so popular as they were a short time ago. . . Because so many would be left hanging on bar rails. . . A workman trying to go through a Municipal building revolving door with a long board. . . That's a good trick if it can be done. . . Like that bank ad: "The most successful person today is the one who had foresight yesterday" . . . But I'm against radio announcers who say "anxious" when they mean "eager" . . . and if I could say "secretary" like an English friend does, I'd think I was getting somewhere. . . Mighty fine to see Ery and Bill Fort again after a year in Rome. . . Wonder where their next stop will be? . . . China maybe . . . and that's so darned far away.

Taxicab passengers loaded down with fancy baskets. . . A sure sign they are just back from the West Indies. . . and a safe bet there's at least one jug of rum somewhere in that cab. . . Mayor LaGuardia going some place in a hurry. . . No novelty about that. . . He's always that way. . . Mary Boland who turns in such a grand performance as the Queen in "Jubilee" . . . Anne Morgan who returned from Europe recently. . . and is again giving her attention to her numerous charities. . . Mrs Vincent Astor, who is vice president of the Musclican Emergency Fund. . . and a lot of musicians have been facing an emergency for quite some time.

Like that story about the farmer who arrived in town during a ministerial convention. . . At the hotel where he intended to stop, a long line ahead of him added D. D., Ph. D. and other degrees after their names. . . So when it came his turn to register he wrote: "John Smith, R. F. D." . . . and that one about the diffident young man who couldn't propose to the girl he loved. . . Because she was a twin. . . and he was cross-eyed. . . So he didn't dare take a chance on getting a yes from the wrong one!
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His Tastes Are Simple
Alamosa, Colo.—Annals of crime reveal icebox bandits, kissing robbers and strip thieves, but Alamosa police are searching for a bandit who, they say, is just "plain dumb." Breaking into the rear of a liquor store here, the thief passed up choice whiskies and rare wines and took six pints of the cheapest whisky.

Old Medical Fakes Flourishing Again
Reno.—Medical fakery again is coming to light in western states and public health officials are moving to combat it.
The "handkerchief racket" has been found flourishing in California. An eastern firm carries on the curious business of advising the sick and afflicted to send them a handkerchief (together with a modest fee). The handkerchief, says the firm, will be blessed and returned to the sender, resulting in the patient's recovery.
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LO AND BEHOLD!

The OLD "GRENADIER" HOUSE at NORWELL, MASSACHUSETTS in 1930



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Keep Breeding Birds Healthy And Strong

The care and management of breeding birds is an important factor governing the fertility of their eggs and the livability of the chicks secured. Thus the future of a flock depends a great deal on the proper handling and feeding of breeding birds, said C. J. Maupin, extension poultryman

at State College.

He gave the following suggestions for poultrymen who are breeding and raising their own chicks:

Keep the birds healthy and vigorous, provide clean houses, keep the houses well ventilated, keep birds free from parasites, change the litter often to avoid filth.

Give the birds a clean yard and range, avoid overcrowding, supply green feed when possible feed milk in some form, and provide oyster

shell or limestone grit.

See that the birds get plenty of sunshine, and do not keep breeders in service too long. The older the birds after the first year or two, the lower is the quality and fertility of their eggs.

The heavier birds decline rapidly after the first year, but the lighter varieties are good for a year or so longer. If a bird is an exceptionally good breeder, it may be profitably

kept in service for a year or more beyond the customary service period.

Milk, alfalfa, legume meals, and fresh greens contain vitamins needed by the breeding birds. Cod liver oil or some other source of vitamin D tends to increase the hatchability of the eggs produced.

From 10 to 12 pounds of grain a day should be fed each 100 birds in cold weather, but in the spring the amount may be decreased.

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