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FASHIONS IN NAMES.

"Surveys" of this, that and the other are common enough, and the California professor who has applied the process to Christian names has plenty of company. He has gone back as far as 1870 and examined a list running into the thousands. There is unquestionably a fashion in such matters. We are told by the Professor that most men are dissatisfied with their first names. Obviously parents should be more careful. It is the "fancy" names that hurt most, perhaps because the comic strip artists have had too much fun with them. What is there inherently objectionable in Percy, Algernon, Clarence or Cyril? The parents who stick to John, James or William at least play safe.

The older Biblical names, such as Hezekiah and Zachariah, piously bestowed in earlier days, are disappearing, though Amos, Moses and the like remain. Nor are girls often now afflicted with Hephzibah or Mehitabel. The age of Gladys also appears to be passing. The Professor finds that Elizabeth has supplanted Mary in popularity. But Mary is second, and after that come in order Helen, Dorothy, Marie, Katharine, Louise, Ruth, Eleanor and Evelyn. These are all commendably substantial—a vast improvement over the Netties and Susies of an earlier era. But it is rather surprising not to find Jane, Anne, Josephine and Frances in the preferred list. Where did the Professor get his statistics? If he had been dealing with English girls he would have found more Muriels and Violets. And what of Rosamund (or Rose) and Lily? Is the taste in names no longer horticultural?

It is sometimes suggested that names given in baptism should be tentative, permitting a later choice by the bearers of them. Often when there are two Christian names one is dropped. The subject is worthy of a deep thinker. The only moral to be drawn from the Professor's investigation is that parents ought to be very careful how they impose on their children a burden most of them have to bear through life.

WEIGHING THE EARTH

Paul R. Heyl, Washington physicist, has been weighing the world. Buried in a laboratory cell, 35 feet under ground, he manipulates instruments that give him an idea of the weight of the earth. Whatever the millions of tons of bulk of this earth it amounts to nothing without a controlling idea. An idea has no bulk. It can not even be seen. In size and shape it is not even a tiny, fleeting shadow. But immeasurable tons of matter, without an idea, are merely tons of waste. And somewhere, at the beginning of all this bulk of earth, at the beginning of all this untold bulk of stars and planets, was an idea.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, 7-year-old member of the United States supreme court, has a motto. He says: "Rest is not the destiny of man." He might with equal truth say that a routine, day by day job, is not the destiny of man. Work, merely as work, is not the destiny of man. Achievement is something else. Mere idleness has little place in life, but change of work, change from routine, may have a very important place.

Just 115 years ago today the power of Napoleon Bonaparte, the greatest military genius of his time, was crushed on the field of Waterloo by the combined armies of Great Britain and Prussia. This victory over Napoleon brought the war to a close and soon afterwards he was exiled to St. Helena where he died in 1821.

During March, 1928, the Federal Customs excise preventive service made seizures valued at \$57,021. The excise seizures mostly liquor, totaled \$14,678. The total for March 1927 was \$39,142. This would indicate that smuggling is on the increase.

Another angle of that physician's warning to young people to "marry young or take the consequences," is that too often when they do it's the old folks who take the consequences.

The times have changed, and the reason young couples can't get along together as well as in former days is not that they can't pull in double harness, but because both want to drive.

The heavyweight boxing situation hasn't changed appreciably in the years since George Ade laid down his great dictum, "Many are called but few get up."

A returned tourist claims that conditions are so bad in a part of Southern California where he was, they now build a For Sale sign right into the new house.

Have just read a news story of a woman who was saved from drowning by her skirts, but she was an elderly woman and they wore that kind of skirts.

A professor of psychology doubts if it pays a student to think. Perhaps not. There is a good deal of bankruptcy of thought.

When Ibsen remarked "we are all so pitifully afraid of the dark," he probably overlooked a certain class that is much more afraid of the light.

Physician says the State spends twice as much on wild life as it does on child life. How, we wonder, does he distinguish between the two?

A BROCKVILLE LADY TALKS ON TEMPERANCE

Miss Gines of Brockville, Ontario representing the Women's Temperance Union gave a very instructive and interesting address on the temperance work in Canada, at the George Street Baptist Church last night. Miss Gines stressed the importance of scientific instruction in both Sunday and Day Schools on the evil effects of alcoholic beverages on the human system. She also spoke of the evil influence of cigarettes which she said dulls the intellect, breaks down willpower and creates an appetite for strong drink in many instances. Miss Gines made it very clear that as a Women's Christian Temperance Union they must work and pray for the great cause they represent and for their fellow men. Rev. Mr. Mason presided. A vote of thanks was entered to Miss Gines for her inspiring address.

On Boosting Trip.

Mr. Walter W. Wheeler of Kingsclear left on Wednesday evening on a trip to Boston and New York to be absent about a fortnight. Mr. Wheeler is a well known salmon angler and last season successfully guided a number of Americans at the Hart's Island pool, including Mr. W. H. McGrann, a prominent lawyer. Mr. Wheeler will meet Mr. McGrann in New York and assist in arranging a fishing trip for him. He expects also to meet a number of other anglers and acquaint them with the possibilities of the St. John River for high class sport. Last season Mr. Wheeler and his brother Rolland, erected a bungalow on the river bank overlooking the salmon pool and the demand for it was so great that it is their intention this year to erect another.

Trespass Case

Herbert R. Rutledge, witness for the plaintiff in the case of Donald and Charles Noble vs Norman Phillips, Reuben Morgan, John Morgan and Zelland Bunker, was the only witness called to the stand at this morning's session of the Court of King's Bench, Mr. Justice Byrne presiding. Mr. Rutledge makes the fourth witness for the plaintiff for whom P. J. Hughes K. C. is counsel. J. B. McNair is counsel for the defendant.

Taunton, Mass., May 17—A certain train crew is convinced that 13 is far from unlucky. Thirteen freight cars went over an embankment. They were the whole train, except the engine and the caboose, which remained on the track. Nobody was hurt.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Smile for the day: O short-sighted as the man who looks for trouble.

One thing that saves the psychiatrist is the fact that the worm rarely turns.

Unless they're homesick young people can always think of some place to go.

Lima Beane says the radio will be of no advantage to the political orator who talks with his arms.

With an airplane sailing overhead little Willie knows what he is going to do when he grows up.

As beauty goes, there is not much choice between a front lawn full of dandelions and one afflicted with mange.

We have been watching a robin settle herself in her nest, and she goes about it remarkably like a large, fussy sort of woman adjusting herself in a car seat.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Daughney of Charlo Station, N. B., is a guest of the Barker House. E. D. Bellefeuille of Montreal is a guest of the Barker House today.

Miss Bertha Campbell of St. John is among the Barker House guests today.

M. C. McCormick of St. John is registered at the Barker House.

MUST PAY BACK INDIAN'S GOLD

Oklahoma City, May 18—The American Home Baptist Mission society must return to the department of the interior \$550,000 given by Jackson Barnett, wealthy Indian. The government had the gift annulled on the ground of undue influence and has been upheld on appeal.

CAN'T USE GIFT CAR.

New York, May 18—Having paid \$4,000 for a gift, Peggy Joyce is now able to ride around in her foreign car. The payment got it out of hock. It had been seized because the honor, John T. Locke, broker, owed money on it.

Had Interesting Trip

Donald Ferguson of this city who left here a few weeks ago to accept a position on Charles Smith's ranch at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan has written home announcing his safe arrival. He says that the party left the train at Toronto and continued the journey by automobile. They crossed the border at Sarnia, and travelled through the States of Michigan, Illinois and Minnesota, recrossing the line after leaving St. Paul. At night they slept in tents. Mr. Ferguson says that the Smith ranch is a very extensive one.

Regulations Changed

Chatham World: Salmon fishing on the Miramichi begins today. Other years the fishermen were permitted to fish as soon as they could get their rigging out. Why the regulation was changed no one seems to know, but some of the fishermen say it was to let the fish go up river so the sportsmen can get them. It is a great hardship to the fishermen to have to wait so long before driving their pickets and setting their nets and it will naturally take that much time from their farm duties.

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