

ARISTOCRATIC NAMES.

The Recognized Pronunciation of Some Well-Known English Surnames.

Phonographers complain that scarcely an English word in a thousand is spelled correctly—that is, all its letters are not sounded precisely as they are in the alphabet. And such criticism is perfectly just, although, from the force of habit, we seldom notice the faulty orthography of common words. But if we most proper names, of persons or places, their eccentric spelling is more discernible, and sometimes even puzzling. Highly educated persons often hesitate in pronouncing a proper name which they see for the first time. This remark especially applies to some aristocratic surnames, as will be seen by the subjoined, with their recognized pronunciation:

Clanranald must be sounded as if written Clanranold. Derby, in speaking either of the poor, the town or the race, should always be called Darby. Dillwyn is pronounced Dillon, with the accent on the first syllable. In Blyth the *th* is dropped, and the word becomes Bly. Lyveden is pronounced as Lydden, and Pypys as Pippy, with the accent on the first syllable. In Munson and Pansony the first *a* becomes short *u*, and they are called Munson, Pansony. In Blythe the *o* is silent, and the word is spoken as blimt. Bromham, whether referring to the late illustrious statesman or the vehicle named after him, should not be pronounced as two syllables—Bramham or Broham—but as one—Broom. Colquhoun, Duchesne, Majoribanks and Chalmers—four formidable names to the uninitiated—must be called Colohn, Dukarn, Marshbanks and Chamley; Cholmeley is also pronounced Chamley. Mainwaring and McLeod must be pronounced Mannering and Maclod. The final *x* in Molyneux and Vaux is sounded, but the final *x* in Davenport and Des Vaux is silent. In Ker the *o* becomes short *o*, and the word is called Kar; it would be awfully bad form to pronounce it Carl. In Waldgrave the *o* is dropped, and it becomes Walgrave, with the accent on the first syllable. Berkeley, whether referring to the person or place, should be pronounced Barkley. Bachan is pronounced Bakun; Beauclerk, or Beauclark, as Beculark, with the accent on the first syllable, and Beauvois as Bavour. Wemyss is pronounced as Weems, and Willoughby D'Esreshy as Willowby D'Esreshy; St. John must be pronounced Sinjan as a surname or Christian name; when applied to a locality or a building it is pronounced as spelled, Saint John. Montgomery or Montgomerie, is pronounced Mumgumery, with the accent on the second syllable. In Elgin *g* takes the hard sound it has in give; in Gifford and Giffard it takes the soft sound, as in gin—as it also does in Nigel. In Conyng- ham the *o* becomes short *u*, and the name is called Cuningham. In Johnston the *t* is silent. Strachan should be pronounced Strawa; Heathcote, Hethkat, and Hertford, Hertford. The *o* is dropped in Abernathy, which is called Abernethy; and the *o* in Penrith, which is called Perrith. Beauchamp must be pronounced Bocham; Bourne, Burn, and Bourke, Bark. Gower, as a street, is pronounced as it is written, but as a surname it becomes Gow. Eyre should be pronounced Air; and Du Plat is called Du Plat. Jarvis should be pronounced Jarvis; Knollys as if written Knowlys; Maudsley as if written Mynjles, and Macnamara must be pronounced Macnamarah, with the accent on the third syllable. Saultys should be spoken as one syllable—Saults; St. Clark is also one word.—London World.

THE INDIAN WAY.

Cartier's Quaint Description of the Tobacco-Smoking Custom.

Of all the customs of the Indians which Jacques Cartier observed, that which struck him as the most novel and singular was the use of tobacco. In the narrative of his second voyage to Canada, in 1535, occurs the following quaint description: "The Indians have an herb of which, during the summer, they gather a great quantity for the winter, and which they prize very highly, and use (the men only) in the following manner: They dry it in the sun and suspend it from their necks, tied up in a little skin instead of a bag, together with a horn [horn] of stone or wood. Then, at all hours, they make a powder of the said herb and put it in one end of the horn, and then place a live coal upon it; and through the other end they blow so hard that their body is filled with smoke, so much that it comes out of their mouth and nostrils as out of a chimney. They say that this keeps them healthy and warm, and they never go about without these things. We have tried the said smoke, and having had it in our mouth it seemed to contain pepper, so great was the heat." At that time the use of tobacco was unknown in France, and, although the plant had been brought to Spain and Portugal by the early explorers of America, it was only a quarter of a century after Jacques Cartier's second voyage that the French Ambassador, Jean Nicot, sent the seed from Lisbon and France.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

A great many people make the mistake in regarding "the home" as the house they live in. Now a house may be ever so costly and luxurious, and contain very few of the qualities which endear the place to the occupants. To be a home in its true sense, love and peace and the thousand little nameless attendants upon love must abide there. It is thus that often the poor cottage is more of a home than a palace.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

It is said Baron de Joest, of Paris, noted all his life for cruel treatment of animals, has left \$500,000 to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

CARE OF CLOTHING.

Some Wholesome Advice on the Subject for Both Women and Men.

The proper care of men's as well as women's clothing has a great deal to do, not only with its looking well, but with the length of time which it lasts. Clothes of wool which are rarely brushed and never hung out of doors soon come to have an appearance of long use, when the same clothes if carefully brushed every day and frequently hung out of doors will always be fresh, and will keep their good looks very much longer. Care should be used to select a brush-broom or whisk of fine broom-corn. It will cost more than the coarser ones, but in the end will be a saving, as the coarser ones wear the clothing more rapidly. Coats and cloaks should be hung always on the little wire frame, costing but five or ten cents, which come for that purpose. The frames should first be covered with some soft material to prevent the garments from breaking over their edges. If made of wood this is not necessary; the wooden ones, however, are a little more expensive. It is better to hang than to fold almost all dresses, if one has sufficient room, but if the room is limited and the dresses crowded if hung, then they should be folded, as any thing if better than the "stringy" look which dresses crowded together in a small closet may soon acquire.

If a dress of woolen material has any drapery it will be found to keep its freshness very much longer if the skirt is always bottom upward. With a little practice and care this will be easily done, and the creases prevented which come so quickly even in the best of materials from the folds hanging always the same way, both when in wear and when not. Never sit down in a damp dress if it can be avoided, for nothing so successfully creases it. It should be at once taken off and hung in a good position to dry. Careful attention should always be paid to dress braids and facings. If a braid is replaced as soon as it commences to wear the facing will in many instances be saved. A dress braid should always be put on by hand, and, in most instances, "polled in." If sewed on by machine more time is consumed in ripping it off, when it requires replacing, than in both sewing on and ripping off a braid sewn on by hand. If one has to be much in the kitchen woolen dresses should not be worn there. They hold the odors and smocks, and soon become grimy and smoky.

Closets in which clothing is kept should be aired every day. If dresses are to lie in trunks or drawers they should be folded with great care, and always right side out, particularly if lined, as the dress material, folding over the lining, prevents in a measure its creasing. Dresses which can be hung right side out and which are hung up wrong side out. They may be easily protected from dust by hanging a sheet or a curtain made of calico over them. Hats and bonnets should be kept well brushed with a soft manilla brush. Whisks are too stiff and harsh to be used. When not in use they should be kept in a box or close closet or drawer, if one chances to have them of sufficient depth.

Summer dresses of wash material are a wares folded smoothly or taking them off they will require, unless actually soiled, much less frequent laundering than when hung. Treated in this way by a moderately careful person, a linen lawn dress may sometimes be worn every day for two weeks. The dress, however, must have been well done up to commence with.

The care of boots, shoes and slippers, which do their full share in giving one a tidy, well-dressed air, must not be forgotten. Firstly, never allow a boot or shoe to become run over at the heel. No heel is better than a run-over one. If you can not afford to keep them straight by frequent rebuilding cut off the heel each time one becomes run over. With great care this habit of running over heels may be almost entirely cured. A greater assistance than nails on the side run over is to have a small wedge forced between the layers of the heel on the run-over side, thus forcing the foot to tread the other way. If this is persistently kept up, the boot will soon show a great improvement. A boot should never be worn with bottoms off or with knots in the shoe-strings, both being untidy. No matter how old a boot may be, even if patched, if the buttons are all on, the heels straight and it is well blackened, it has a tidy, well-dressed appearance. Slippers above all things must be irreplaceable in the way of being whole and well blackened.—Philadelphia Press.

A Kentuckian who had a claim against a railroad in that State for \$400 for damages in a smash-up, was recently visited by one of the company's lawyers, who inquired: "What sort of injury did you sustain?" "Nervous injury, sir." "To what extent?" "To such an extent that my old shot-gun now wobbles about so much that no longer ago than yesterday I shot at a rabbit and knocked over the best coon-dog in all Kentucky. I've riz on my claim to \$700, and I'm goin' to push it until somebody hollers for mercy."—Wall Street News.

For years a loon has had its home on the Schuylkill, near Philadelphia, but the other day it flew into the Zoological Gardens and was captured. Around its neck was a little silver collar on which was engraved "Nemo, the hermit, 1894." The head keeper of the gardens says that he has no doubt about the bird's greatness.—Philadelphia Press.

WILLIAM LADDER, a Pennsylvanian, made fun of the big trees in the Yosemite Valley, and John Ashton, a guide, felt it his duty to stab the scoffer twice in the right arm.

—Manager (to supernumerary)—I am going to give you a small part in the new play; do you wish your real name on the bill, or will you use an assumed name? Supe—I guess I will use an assumed name. M.—Very good; what shall it be? S.—Sig. Vermeicelli. M.—That's a high-sounding name; why do you use Vermeicelli? Got it out of a cook book, did you? S.—Yes, and I use it because I am a supe, you know.—Boston Courier.

—Hosea B. Perkins is a man who, according to the New York Times, always wants to make a "Daniel Webster chowder" from the receipt he obtained from the illustrious statesman whenever he is off on a pleasure party. On board a yacht one day he requested to be allowed to go into the galley and compound the chowder. He was introduced to the chef and went to work with him. The chef, however, did not think highly of the receipt and observed, "Your Monsieur Webster could write a dictionary, but he could not make ze chowder."

—A Chicago merchant decided to surprise his wife on Christmas by presenting her with a twenty-thousand-dollar policy on his life; but he neglected to apply for the policy until the day before Christmas. Then he was told that the application and the report of the medical examiner would be sent to the New York office, and the policy would come back in a few days. This wouldn't do. The merchant suggested telegraphing. The medical examiner was sent for, his report and the application were telegraphed to this city, and in less than six hours from the time of application the report was accepted in New York and the policy received in Chicago. This is said to be the first transaction of the kind.—N. Y. Sun.

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