### WHENCE NAMES COME

SURPRISING CHANGES THAT TIME HAS WROUGHT

Who Would Think, For Instance That the Name Thomas Whitehorse Originally Indicated "Thomas the Sign of the White Horse!"

Considering the surprising changes that many names have undergone, says Miss Laura Alton Payne in the Independent, the almost universal lack of knowledge concerning their origin is not to be wondered at. What is there In "Peter Snooks" to suggest to the uninitiated that originally it was "Peter at the Seven Oaks?" Though "Thomas Whitehorse" suggests the American Indian custom in names, originally it was "Thomas at the White Horse," or "Thomas at the Sign of the White Horse" (a tavern). Sidney is a corruption of St. Denys, Sinclair of St. Clair, Seymour of St. Maur, Janeway of Genoa, Curtis of "courteous," Armitage of "hermitage," Spark of Sparrowhawk. Emerson and America had the same origin-Almeric, an old Norman name, Amerigo being the Italianized

Names, like things, are not always what they seem. Beers and Berry are not "beers" and "berry," but a corruplon of "borough," often written bury" and "bery."

In the beginning a single personal name sufficed. For awhile no two persons bore the same name, but as a stock of names accumulated repetitions became common, and as the population of the world increased distinctry. Between cutting off the top of tive names became necessary; hence their dresses for the ball room and we read of John the Baptist and John the Disciple, Darius Hystaspis and Alexander the Great, Joshua, son of Nun, and Simon Barjonas—"Simon, son of Loves".

Those I will see more of you' She said, 'Come to the ball tonight.'

Surnames were first used in France, becoming general there during the latter part of the tenth or the fore part of the eleventh century. They were used hereditarily to some extent, however, prior to that time. They were introprior to that time. They were introduced into England at the Norman conquest in the year 1066, but it required two or three centuries to estab-

Surnames have been drawn from every available source-personal names, location, occupation, deeds of prowess, mental, moral and physical attributes, terms of relationship, the human body, farm and household articles, buildings, foods and drinks, modes of travel, nations and laws, customs and religions, geographical terms, weather and seasons, months and days, measures and values, the joys and ills of life, the animal, mineral and vegetable kingdom and even from the kingdom of heaven. The use of nicknames and compound terms gave an almost inexhaustible source. Even oaths became embodied, as in Pardoe, from par

In most countries it is customary the tregulators of Stomach and Bowels for the wife to take her husband's Guaranteed by Chas. N. Clarke drug In most countries it is customary name, but in some European countries it is not unusual for the husband to append the wife's name, particularly when it is more honorable than his own. Hyphenated names and the wife's retention of her maiden name for a middle name are customs grow ing in favor in the United States and Great Britain.

Among the earliest names introduced by the conquest were found Serl, Drew, Bryce, Harvey, Arnold ("ern"-eagle), Albred (now known as Albert and Allbright), Almeric, Ingelram, Ebrardus (Everard), Warin (Guerin, now Warren), Ivo, Hamon (Hammond), and Payn (originally Pagan). After their adoption as surnames the most of these became obsolete as personal names.

The most popular personal names since the Domesday Book recorded them have been John and William, but their derivatives are too numerous to mention here, Roger, Robert and Richard took a double nickname in H and D; hence Hodge and Dodge, Hobbs and Dobbs, Hicks and Dicks, with the rougher forms of the last-Higgs and Diggs, and even Hitch, giving rise to Dickens, Hitchcock and Higginson.

Diminutive and other affixes served an important part in the origin of surnames from personal names. The Anglo-Saxon "kin" and "cock" and "ing" are represented in Jenkins, "little John;" Hitchcock, "little Richard," and Browning, "little Brown;" the Norman "ot" and "et," in Ellot, "little Elias," and Emmet, "little Emma" (sometimes "lot" and "let;" Hamlet, "little Hamon"); the French "on" and

"en" in Marion and Dickens. Many prefixes were used. The Celtic "Mac" or "M" of the Scotch; "Me" of the Irish; "Map," "Ap," or "P" of the Welsh, and the Norman "Fitz" (Latin fils), signify "son" or "son of," and the

Irish "O," "grandson of." A fair knowledge of English nomenciature, declares Miss Payne, gives a fair knowledge of English history, so closely are the two interwoven.

Called the Bluff.

Mrs. X.-Yes, I tried to make my husband economize in smoking, so I told him if he ever smoked I would never speak to him again. Mrs. Y.-What was the result? Mrs. X.-His cigar bill was doubled the next month.

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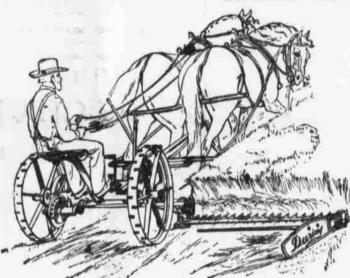
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