

HOW COLON GOT ITS NAME

The Isthmian Town Was Called Aspinwall During the Days of Railroad Construction and Before it Was Given the Name of the Great Navigator Who Discovered the Americas.

Change seems to be the law of the Latin race, for most of the South American countries have transformed their names so many times since the first settlement that old generations of geographical students are often bewildered by current names made use of in dispatches. When the Anglo-American company began the exploitation of the isthmus of Darien or Panama by rail, the port on the Caribbean side of the neck of land was known as Aspinwall; during the Civil War that was the only name used, although the Colombians had long before christened the settlement Colon in honor of Christopher Columbus—Colon in the Spanish tongue. The town was founded in a swamp, supposed to be impenetrable to man or beast; reptiles and monkeys alone represented life and it was never supposed that the scene could be transformed into an entrepot, even by the energetic Yankees who flocked to the coast to take advantage of the new railway. During the time when the place was emerging from its bog state into the crowded terminus of a great enterprise, it was known by various names; when the road was completed the exploiters gave a great banquet at which all the native magnates were present as guests, among them several members of the Colombian Cabinet from Bogota. While the champagne was in its most eloquent phases, some one jocularly gave the name Aspinwall, in honor of the leading stockholder of the company, Dr. Parades, the Colombian Minister of Foreign Affairs, promptly adopting the name and making an eloquent speech in accepting it. Years afterward, when Colombia had changed its own name from New Grenada to its present form, dissatisfaction arose and the patriotic Panamese demanded a change which should associate the great Admiral Cristobal Colon with the point of land he himself had discovered. The Colombian Congress formally changed the name from Aspinwall to Colon, but never went through the form of making the change known to the outside world. The confusion went on for years, the

outside world invariably wrote of the Panama city as Aspinwall, while the Colombians as diligently reiterated Colon. In 1872 an agent of the United States asked for an executor as Consul at Aspinwall and was ceremoniously informed by the Colombian Minister of Foreign Affairs that there was no such seaport within the Colombian dominion as Aspinwall; that if he meant Colon, the document would be remitted to him forthwith. Hamilton Fish, who was then Secretary of State was angrily put out by what he regarded as discourtesy, but as names have a right to change their names and their borders, the matter was satisfactorily adjusted and the town thenceforth became Colon.

Climatic Cures.

The influence of climatic conditions in the cure of consumption is very much overdrawn. The poor patient, and the rich patient, too, can do much better at home by proper attention to food digestion, and a regular course of German Syrup. Free expectoration in the morning is made certain by German Syrup, so is a good night's rest and the absence of that weakening cough and debilitating night sweat. Restless nights and the exhaustion due to coughing, the greatest danger and dread of the consumptive, can be prevented or stopped by taking German Syrup liberally and regularly. Should you be able to go to a warmer climate you will find that of the thousands of consumptives there, the few who are benefited and regain strength are those who use German Syrup. Trial bottle, 25c; regular size, 75c. At all druggists. At Dr. Stone's drug stores.

CRUELTY TO THE HORSE.

Blinders, Check Reins, Curb Bits and Docking.

The horse, the most useful of all animals, is the one marked for the most of men's ill-treatment. For the most part housed in ill-lighted, ill-ventilated and ill-smelling quarters, worked to its full capacity, cared for only to the degree that selfish interest prompts, the animal is delivered over as the unprotected object of the unrestrained passions of men. The average man fails to apparently understand that animals have nervous systems, among them a marked degree a horse, and that were he to govern his own temper he could, with a little patience, get control of the horse's nervous system, and make out of it a servant vastly more efficient than it is under the system in which he beats and jerks and drives it to distraction.

A short walk in any city will discover many blind horses. Why? There are no blind cows, comparatively. And yet the sight of one naturally is as good as that of the other. The difference is simply that the horse from the beginning has been abused, ill-housed, overworked and worked under such conditions that have driven him blind. His eyes are shut in by blinders at each side, for which there is no use but to satisfy the caprice or fashion of man. So, his vision interfered with and deprived of air, the wonder is that with other treatment he gets he is not

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blind oftener. Besides this, in other cases, his neck is almost pulled out of joint by overhead check reins, that raise his face to the air and turn his eyeballs to the glare of the sun unprotected. Or, on the other hand, deprived of check rein, he is bitted with a curb that pulls his jaws to his breast, and tortures him in this fashion. And then, according to the spreading fashion of the day, he is subjected to the most cruel of all practices, docking, which not merely tortures in the practice, but leaves him to the torment of flies for the rest of his life. It is the merciful man that is merciful to his beast, and it is the merciful that obtain mercy, we have, as a people, some way to come before we get that blessing.—Indianapolis News.

How Staff Statuary is Made.

"The process of creating the large pieces of statuary out of staff is very interesting," writes Katherine Louise Smith, in the January Pearson's. "After the sculptor has sent his accepted model to the fair, the work of enlargement begins, and one of several pieces, as occasion requires, are finished, each of which is an exact counterpart of the model on an enlarged scale."

"Staff is simply a long fibre soaked in plaster of paris, mixed thin with water. This fibre, which is generally Mexican, comes in bales of 100 pounds, and on its arrival in the rope stage is run through machines to loosen it. Made with this hemp fibre, staff can be sawed, hammered and whittled like wood, while various forms can be made as effectively as with plaster of paris alone.

"A staff modeler proceeds exactly as though his work was to be executed in Parian marble or enduring bronze, instead of perishable plaster. A framework of wood or iron with flexible lead pipe for the arms and neck of the figure is first made, corresponding to the model which it is intended to copy. A huge pointer, somewhat like the pentagraph used by art students, is used in obtaining the correct enlargement, one point resting on the model, and the other dotting the enlarged counterpart. Every inch of the statute in process of making is thus accurately measured.

"The man who executes the first process in the formation of staff slaps huge handfuls of wet staff on the wooden framework, shaping it crudely with thumb and fingers, and incessantly using the huge pentagraph for measurements.

"From the man at the pentagraph, the shapeless image passes to the modeler. If a large piece is under construction it is placed on a platform with rollers, that the modeler may turn the piece easily as he shapes the piece with staff, using his hands to put on necessary additions, smoothing rough places with his fingers and with spatula, and cutting wire, doing all, in fact, but the last rearing and smoothing process. During respites of labor, while the figure is at this stage it is covered with a damp cloth to keep it from cracking.

"The last process is the work of the sculptor, who is an expert. He finishes the staff replica exactly like the smaller model from which it is the enlarged counterpart coating the staff with shellac, and adding refining touches, until he is satisfied with it."

Mistresses Need Training.

(Brooklyn Eagle.) "Schools for the training of mistresses are as much needed as schools for the training of maids," said a woman who is actively interested in philanthropic work and is frequently called upon to secure places for worthy young women in search of employment: as domestics. "Some of the estimable women who come to me with tales about the inefficiency of servants would probably consider such speech rank heresy on my part, but I do not wonder that so many girls prefer factory and shop life to domestic service. In the factory or shop they have certain work to perform in a certain time. Then they are perfectly free to do as they like in domestic service the hours of service are mighty elastic and the hours of freedom rigidly defined, and in many houses where the mistress thinks herself and is thought by others to be very charitable and broad-minded, her servants lead a life of drudgery. Of course, there are homes where the mistress is a treasure and the maids likewise, but this oft-discussed servant problem and the proposed regeneration and reformation of the maid is not the one-sided question so many consider it."

Tub Night in Finland.

(Exchange.) Bathing in Finland, where it is always cold, is a queer ceremony. In the first place, it is very, very cold in Finland—and the bathroom is not in the house at all, but in a building quite separate. It is a round building, about the size of an ordinary room. There are

no windows, so light and air can only come in when the door is open. Inside benches are built along the wall, and in the center is a great pile of loose stones. Early on Saturday morning wood is brought in and a great vessel standing near the stones is filled with water.

Then someone cuts ever so many birch switches, and these are placed on the floor of the bath room. Next the fire is made under the stones, and it burns all morning. In the afternoon, when the stones are very hot, the fire is put out, the place is swept clean, and all is ready.

The boys undress in their homes and run to the bath house. As it is generally 30 below zero, you may be sure they do it in double-quick time.

As soon as they are in the bath-house they shut the door tight and begin to throw water on the hot stones. This, of course, makes the steam rise. More water is thrown on and there is more steam, until the place is filled quite full of it.

And now comes the part that American boys would not like at all. Each boy takes a birch switch and falls to whipping his companions. This is to make the blood circulate, and though it is real hard whipping, no one objects, but all think it great fun. At last, looking like a lot of boiled lobsters, they all rush out, have a roll in the snow and, make for home.

Stopping High Speed Cars.

While much has been printed recently in regard to the high speed trials on the Berlin-Zooen electric railway, where the cars attained a speed of over 125 miles per hour, but little attention has been given to one important factor in such rapid movement. The momentum attained by these cars is a factor which can be imagined with difficulty, and it is impossible to bring them to a stop when running at full speed under a distance of one mile. This is what has actually occurred in the speed trials above mentioned, the car having run a mile after the brakes were applied.

The full meaning of this is not apparent until comparison is made with our railway trains, where the block signals are not placed very far apart, and a train can readily be brought to a standstill in the distance covered by two blocks. If this line is to maintain this rate of speed it will mean that the cars can only be run at long distances apart, and that the size of the semaphore arms and lights will have to be increased until they are readily distinguishable at a distance of nearly two miles.

Purifying Milk by Ozon.

An apparatus in use in Germany for the purification of milk by ozonization is so constructed that the milk contained in a vessel flows thence in a thin stream into another vessel placed beneath. The wires and carbon points of a strong electric battery are so arranged that the current from one carbon point to the other passes through or in close proximity to the stream of milk. The ozone which is thereby engendered from the oxygen of the air is said to be sufficient to kill all micro-organisms contained in the milk. While no reference has been made to the use of this apparatus for the purification of water, there seems to be no reason why ozone could not be applied to this end, unless it be the difference in cost between the milk and water, the price obtainable for the latter possibly not permitting the use of this purifying agent.

A Man Who Could Keep Silent.

The late Hugh Stowell Scott, famous as Henry Soton Merriman, author of "The Sowers," "The Vulturns," and other novels, was a man of extraordinary reserve and self-command. The following story is told of him: His father, who was a director of the London Graphic, had an unaccountable objection to his son's following a literary career, and tried to make a business man of him. His son wrote in secret under a pseudonym, and, although his work was successful, he never betrayed his literary identity to his father. On one occasion his father placed before him one of the young author's own stories, saying, "Now, if you could write a book like this, it would be another thing altogether." And still the son kept silent.

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