

PERPETUATING A FAMILY NAME

The Rather Sad Case of Al- germon Cecil Leicester.

For hundreds of years our family have been proud of our name, Leicester, claiming descent from the Leicester family whose best known representative was the favorite of Queen Elizabeth. I was baptized Algermon Cecil, and my name of Algermon Cecil Leicester was when I was twenty-five the only thing I possessed that I valued. I had no fortune then. Now I have a fortune, but I haven't the name of Leicester.

I was introduced to a girl whose name I did not catch. If I had caught it I doubt that I should so readily have fallen in love with her. When I learned that it was the singular and to her entirely inappropriate name of Crosspatch I left her for a week, at the end of which time I called on her again, for I found it impossible to drive her out of my mind.

"How did it happen," I asked her, "that you, the perfection of amiability, were born under such a name?"

"It is a name," she said, "of Crosspatch. The change came many generations ago, and my grandfather, who studied the family history, professed to have discovered that it was used on account of the bravery of one of our ancestors, a common soldier of Cromwell's army, who in face of a solid firing crossed a field or patch of ground, carrying ammunition to a force beleaguered by the Cavaliers. His comrades dubbed him Crosspatch, and he, proud of his deed, retained it."

Despite the name, I loved Miss Crosspatch so dearly that I could not give her up, and, as my love was returned, we became engaged. Besides my love, there was another reason for my marriage—I longed to regain some of the social prominence for myself and my descendants of the ancient Leicesters, and Miss Crosspatch was possessed of an enormous fortune left her by this same grandfather who had discovered the origin of the name. After all, what difference would it make? The wife assumes the husband's name, and she and our children would be Leicesters. I had a fancy that the oldest son should have for his surname his mother's family name, but in this case I resolved that no son of mine should be christened Crosspatch Leicester. He should be named for me, Algermon Cecil. I would see that he inherited the bulk of his mother's fortune, and in this way I would re-establish the Leicester family.

There was a brilliant wedding, at which I boasted that, as one of our family had once been the favorite of a queen, now it would become the favorite of the upper ten thousand of the United States. We departed on our wedding trip amid the usual shower of rice, and on our return I settled myself down to enjoy my newly acquired fortune. I had begun at home but a few days before the solicitor for the Crosspatch millions wrote me saying that he would like to see me in the city. I went to him and was shown into his private office.

"I have sent for you," he said, "that a very important matter may be settled—the ownership of the Crosspatch property."

"My dear sir," I replied, "the property belongs to my wife."

"There is a condition attached to her grandfather's will."

"A condition? What is it?"

"That her husband assume the name of Crosspatch and the children if any resulting from the marriage only inherit under that name. Simon Crosspatch, having no children except your wife's father and he dying during her infancy with no other issue, left the property to her with the above named condition. He was very proud of the manner in which the name originated and desired to perpetuate the family under it."

"And I," said I, "am desirous of perpetuating the family under the name of Leicester."

"The family can only inherit by assuming the name of Crosspatch. In case you decline to do so the will states that the property is to go to the settlement of an institution to be known as the Crosspatch university."

"My wife never told me this."

"For the very good reason that her grandfather stipulated in his will that she was not to be informed of it except through her husband. He desired not to stand in the way of her marriage. He preferred to leave it to her husband to accept the terms or resign the fortune. But in case you decline there is an annuity settled on her of \$5,000 a year to keep her from want."

"I asked for the time allowed me by the will in which to make my decision and was informed that it was a month. I was too much disgruntled to return to my wife for a week, but by that time had decided to accept the name and the fortune. My wife, who was so amiable itself, bore with my indignation and disappointment. Finally my grumblyings died away, and I peaceably took possession of my wife's fortune."

And now I am known as old Crosspatch, my wife as Mrs. Crosspatch, and I have ten children all Crosspatches. What we would do with such a name were it not for our wealth and the popularity of my wife and our sons and daughters I don't know. As it is, all but I are known, respected and beloved under the name of the Crosspatch family.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Robin's Accident.

About 4 o'clock one morning there was considerable commotion at the back of our house, writes a correspondent of Rural Farmer. The cook called one of the boys and said there was a bird caught on the top of a tree. I looked out of the window and saw a robin hanging by a string from a thin branch. I took a gun, fired and cut off the branch.

The bird started to fly and did carry the branch some distance, but weakness made him halt, and he fell to the ground, where we caught him.

He had evidently been building a nest and had picked up a long string. In flying through the air the string had in some peculiar way wound itself around the branch of the tree and had also caught the robin's leg. In his efforts to get loose he broke his leg directly above the foot, and it hung simply by a tendon.

I took the bird in the house and with a sharp pair of scissors cut off the foot and wrapped up the leg with a rag wet with an antiseptic solution. I then let him go, never expecting to see him again.

Strange to say, the loss of the foot did not seem to bother him at all. It healed quickly, and he stayed around the house and lawn all summer and went south with the rest of the robins in the fall.

The Magic Javelin.

Take a medium sized sewing needle with a very sharp point (which most needles have). Take up a position about three feet away from a piece of soft wood hung on a door and, holding the needle between your finger and thumb, endeavor, strongly launching it, to throw it, point forward, into the wood. No matter what your skill and perseverance, you will not succeed. Now pass through the eye of the needle a simple bit of thread, and you will be successful in the feat without the slightest difficulty. The little light "make weight" that you have added to your impromptu javelin transforms it into a veritable arrow and causes the point, given the impulsion, to strike the object aimed at and "to stick."

This result, from such small means, will strike the spectators with astonishment, having first shown the impossibility of aiming a naked needle, and will elicit their compliments in celebration of your wondrous skill.—Magical Experiments.

Imaginal

Here are a few of the difficulties of the English language:
A flock of ships is called a fleet.
A fleet of sheep is called a flock.
A flock of girls is called a bevy.
A bevy of wolves is called a pack.
A pack of thieves is called a gang.
A gang of angels is called a host.
A host of porpoises is called a shoal.
A shoal of buffaloes is called a herd.
A herd of children is called a troop.
A troop of partridges is called a covey.
A covey of beauties is called a galaxy.
A galaxy of ruffians is called a horde.
A horde of rubbish is called a heap.
A heap of oxen is called a drove.
A drove of "blackguards" is called a mob.
A mob of whales is called a school.
A school of worshippers is called a congregation.

Why a "Tumbler."

The reason for a glass drinking vessel being called a tumbler is not at all apparent until one inquires into its early history.

At first such vessels were so shaped that they were unable to stand up. The bottoms were rounded, and when placed on the table they fell over on their sides.

From this they quite naturally came to be called tumblers and were made so purposely in order that no one might set his glass down until he had drunk all of his wine; otherwise he would spill it on the table.

They were introduced primarily as a joke, but while they themselves have passed out of existence their name remains and is attached to our innocent up to date drinking glasses.

Telling the Bees.

The well known poem by Whittier, one of our best loved American poets, called "Telling the Bees" has its foundation in a strange old custom which was brought from the mother country and prevailed for a time in New England.

When a member of a family died the bees were at once informed and their hives draped with mourning. This attention was believed to be necessary in order to keep the bees from swarming or seeking a new home.

Red Letter Days.

A day which we consider memorable or especially happy we sometimes call a red letter day.
The term is taken from the church, where it is used to indicate the more important saints and feast days. These days are printed in red instead of black on the church calendars in order to be more easily noticed and hence are called red letter days.

In the Garden.

A plump little girl and a thin little bird were out in the meadow together.
"How cold that poor little bird must be without any clothes like mine," said she. "Although it is sunny weather."

"A nice little girl is that," said he. "But oh, how cold she must be, for see. She hasn't a single feather!" So each shivered to think of the other poor thing.
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SNAPSHOTS AT NOTABLE PEOPLE

George Fred Williams, New Minister to Greece.



George Fred Williams of Massachusetts, the newly appointed minister to Greece, was for many years known as the "Sage of Dedham." It was in this Massachusetts town that Mr. Williams was born, and there he still resides, although his extensive law practice is conducted at Boston, where he has offices. In former years Mr. Williams was a figure of national importance in politics.

It was in the Blaine campaign of 1884 that Mr. Williams first achieved national notice. He was opposed to the Maine statesman and formed the Mugwump movement, parting company with his Republican friends forever. He was a member of the independent convention in New York which endorsed Grover Cleveland and was one of the leading spirits of the Massachusetts Mugwump in the campaign that followed. He served in the Massachusetts legislature in 1889 and in 1901 was elected to the Fifty-second congress as a Democrat. He attracted notice by refusing to abide by the decision of the Democratic caucus of the house in favor of Charles F. Crisp for speaker, and voting for Roger Q. Mills. In 1908 Mr. Williams was Democratic candidate for governor of Massachusetts and made a brave but unsuccessful fight.

New Lord Mayor of London.

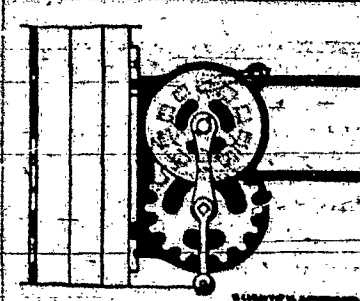
In striking contrast to the usual election of a mayor of an American city is the choosing of the Lord Mayor of London. There is no pre-election campaign, and the ordinary citizen has no part in naming the chief executive of



the ancient city on the Thames. He is chosen by the aldermen from among their own number.
Sir Thomas Vansittart Bowater, the new Lord Mayor of London, is fifty-one years old and one of the youngest men ever elected to the historic office. He was born in Manchester and is the first native of that city to be so honored. He is the head of a large paper-manufacturing firm in London and must necessarily be a man of wealth and substance, for contrary to American custom, the Lord Mayor receives no salary and is under heavy expense by virtue of his office. The corporation sets aside \$50,000 for an entertainment fund, and he is expected to add an equal amount. The banquets at the Mansion house are gorgeous and cost enormous sums. The Lord Mayor is also expected to lead off with the largest subscription to every charitable cause which has the support of the city of London. Altogether his year of office is a costly honor, but he is invariably created a baronet before retiring, which secures a title for his family in future generations. The new Lord Mayor has four sons and two daughters.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Easily Operated Support For Clotheslines.



A clothesline support that is claimed to be an improvement over the simple pulley has been invented by a citizen of New Jersey. The support, which includes a crank and handle, comprises a compact attachment that can be easily mounted upon the side of a house adjacent to a window thereof and by means of which the clothesline can be readily and conveniently operated to enable the wash to be hung out to be dried and taken in after drying.

English Muffins.

One cake of compressed yeast, a cupful of milk scalded and cooled, a cupful of lukewarm water, a teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of sugar, four tablespoonfuls of lard or butter and six cupfuls of sifted flour. Dissolve yeast and sugar in lukewarm liquid, add lard or butter (melted) and three cupfuls of flour. Beat until smooth, add rest of four or enough to make a soft dough, and lastly the salt. Knead until smooth and elastic. Place in a well-greased bowl, cover and set aside in a warm place to rise. When double in bulk, which should be in about two hours, form with the hand twelve large round biscuits. Cover and set aside for about half an hour; then roll with rolling pin roll to about one-fourth in thickness, keeping them round. Have ungreased griddle hot and bake ten minutes. Brown on both sides. As they brown move to cooler part of the stove, where they will bake more slowly, keeping them warm in the oven until all are baked. They can be rebaked in this way or split and toasted on the griddle.

Raisin Bread.

One cake compressed yeast, a cupful lukewarm water, a cupful milk scalded and cooled, six cupfuls sifted flour, three-quarters of a cupful sugar, four tablespoonfuls lard or butter, three-quarters of a cupful raisins and a teaspoonful salt. Dissolve yeast and a tablespoonful sugar in lukewarm liquid, add two cupfuls flour, the lard or butter and sugar well creamed, and beat until smooth. Cover and set aside to rise in warm place free from draft until light—about one and one-half hours. When well risen add raisins well floured, the rest of the flour to make a soft dough and lastly the salt. Knead lightly. Place in well-greased bowl and let rise again until double in bulk—about one and one-half hours. Meld into loaves, fill well greased pans half full, cover and let rise until light—about one hour. Bake with eggs diluted with water and bake forty-five minutes. The temperature of the oven should be 350 degrees F.

Renovating a Leather Bag.

Here is a way to make an old brown leather bag look like new. First wash it with soap and water, then rub it well with a flannel moistened in oil. Allow this to dry into the leather. Now take some brown liquid boot polish and paint the bag with it, giving it at least three separate coatings. Finally, apply a thin coating of shellac, which will provide an excellent polish. A black bag may be treated in similar fashion, only using black polish or "gloss" instead of the brown.

Sauce For Warm Over Mutton.

One and one-half cupfuls white stock, a slice onion, a slice carrot, a sprig parsley, two peppercorns, one-quarter cupful butter, one-quarter cupful flour, a cup scalded milk, one-half teaspoonful salt, one-eighth teaspoonful pepper. Cook the stock twenty minutes with onion, carrot, bay leaf, parsley and peppercorn and strain. There should be one cupful. Melt the butter, add the flour and gradually the hot stock and milk. Season with salt and pepper.

To Clean Settles.

To clean decanters and sugar cruets well small pieces of blotting paper into little wads; wet them and soap them well. Put them in the decanters that are one-quarter full of warm (not hot) water; shake them well for a few minutes, then rinse with clear cold water. Wipe the outside and stand to drain, and when dry they will be about as bright as new ones.

The Soapstone Griddle.

For cleaning a new soapstone griddle rub hard with salt and let it heat slowly. If it still sticks it is not hot enough. A soapstone griddle requires a very hot fire. You will need no grease, and grease will spoil it.

Setting Colors With Vinegar.

If new colored blouses are placed in water in which one tablespoonful of vinegar has been put and allowed to remain for an hour or so the color will set fast when the blouse is washed in the usual way.

ROUND THE WORLD

A Boat Is Now Pressed Out of a Single Piece of Steel.

New York city has 97,018 employees on its payroll.
Forty-eight searchlights will beam at the Panama exposition.
Chinese bought 1,000 Bibles the first six months of this year.
American investments in Mexico are estimated at \$1,067,170,000.
Cincinnati is to have a permanent exhibit building for water made in that city.
The Chinese parliament has four women members, elected in the Canton provincial elections.
In Russia only eleven in 10,000 people are ill; in England the rate is thirty-two in 10,000.
The English prison mission every Christmas sends out 40,000 personal letters to inmates of English jails.
The population within a radius of fifty miles of Bristol, England, is 2,500,000, and within a radius of 100 miles 10,000,000.
A normal school for colored boys and girls is being built in Washington, the entire property representing an investment of \$206,000.
With proper care beams that printing upon wood have been known to make more than 2,000,000 impressions before wearing out.
The exception of Alberta, British Columbia and the northwestern United States, British Columbia timber wealth is reported to be unparalleled in any other country.
Justice Goff of the New York supreme court prescribed a term of jury duty as a cure to a juror who wished to be excused on the ground of extreme nervousness.
An English army officer seems to have perfected a "pricker" weapon which discharges by centrifugal force at high speed missiles poured against a rapidly revolving wheel.
For resuscitating persons nearly drowned or asphyxiated a German doctor has invented a table to which they are strapped and put through the requisite motions by manipulating the table.
The French hardware industry began about 1830, but not till 1880 did it assume any magnitude. The recent crisis in the fish industry in Brittany involved the closing of 118 fishing factories.
A prize of nearly \$36,000 will be awarded to the maker of the engine which best fills the requirements for a military airplane in a competition to be begun by the British war office in February.
Detroit has appointed a woman for matron of the public schools. She will have charge of the lunch room and play rooms and will see that the children have a good time, while some order is kept at the same time.
Plaster casts of the head, bust or entire human body are made quickly by a Boston inventor's process, which first sprays the subject with a liquid which hardens quickly, then is removed and used as a mold for the cast.
It is still customary for the poorer classes in India to carry horse water on the head. Earthenware vessels have hitherto been in use, but as aluminum vessels are becoming cheaper they are replacing them because of greater lightness.
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Colombia is likely to have a change in its coinage. The standard coin is based at present on the pound sterling, but the commercial world looks at these coins askance, and commercial transactions are as a rule made on the basis of the United States gold coin, the pound sterling being accepted at about \$4.85.
Kames Castle, on the Isle of Bute, said to be the oldest castle in Scotland, has been restored at a cost of \$7,000 by the Marquis of Bute. It has been inhabited for 600 years, but the only part of the original structure is the tall square tower, which is a landmark on the island. The marquis has adhered to the Scotch baronial architecture.
Germany's expenditures for primary and secondary education exceed \$200,000,000 a year. The expenditures for the higher institutions of learning, including twenty-two universities, eleven technical schools, five commercial and four agricultural schools, twelve schools of music, five of forestry, etc., amount to about \$11,000,000 a year.
It is believed that ere long a big business will be done in exporting from Chile fruits to this country during the winter months. Excellent grapes, peaches, pears and apples are grown in Chile, and as yet only \$500,000 worth are exported. It is estimated that 10,000,000 acres will be available for cultivation of the above fruits.

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