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## THE FIRESIDE.

When the snow-flakes softly rustle On the darkened window pane, And the night winds moan and murmur In a wild and fisful strain! Oh! how we come is int cheerful,
Brightly burning, ruddy light,
Glowing from the evening fireside, Glowing, sp rkiing, warm and bright!

How the mellow beams are dancing On the ceiling and the floor, Yen wi hin the heart's dark corners, With a genue g ance they full. And in the cear and p e sant radiance, As in the waves of go d it plays, Meis the soul that's fixed with sadness, Lights the eye with radiant ray.

Lorestones mee: around the fireside, Through he dreary win er eve, Whis, he s orm wi hour is wi dest, Tales of a her d ys to weave, Songs hat to he hear are de rest, Brea he upon he ha owed .. ir, Voices g y in mir h are ming ed, "Househa d words" are sweelest there.

How he aged and he we ry How he aged and no we ry
Look be exto the happy hearth,
By whose merry igh they storted,
Lre hey as eduagh but mir h.
Though the glow has ong been faded, Brigh er um of yore i burns, When he spiri, worn wi h wandering, To ha, cherished vision turns.

Then while filling snow-flakes rustle On he darkened window-pane, Le usgaher round the fireside, Heed ess of the nigh -wind's reign.

And when life's co d win er cometh, Md he darkness and the storm, We'd again in memory's chamber Mee, around the fireside warm.

### From Pu nun's Monthly for March. NOTES ON PROPER NAMES.

"Hass, Hans! come here, my poy -I saysh mynheer, knows you vot for I calls my poy Hans?"

"No. indeed, sir, I cannot think of my peculiar fitness in it." "Well, mynheer, it ish because that

ish his name.

proper names. ahundred Smiths, "black" or "white," might write John to their notes with-

In the "brave days of old," all men Smiths, but really unchristened Pagans. It was no unmeaning phrase, that of fighting to win themselves a name," for they verily had none; which had this advantage, that no envious slandeter could rob them of one, " good" or ill. This was before academie, for writing were adopted, or a Cademus had taken out letters patent for his invention of letters. Billets, it is true, had been sent before, but they were

this kind of epistlatory correspond- and Parishers, and Dyers bound to An aristocratic name of any au- mand to "increase," was given, and which ence. Forging was, of course im- Coffins, while Graves yawned before thentic antiquity argues this assuredly respect caused a particular mention of his "brass;" and the sad consequence is not omitted, that he was "first who early, in its history, humanity is seen limping with its two Cains!

You may suppose that Adam, or the Adam, who was made of red clay inquiry. from the disintegrated red sand-stone Beating, as well as beating down, is wear a hog's head on his shoulders; For this reason he was called Adam, smote with the hammer, whether a there was an astonishing natural fitthat is, Redey, just as naughty boys carpenter or metal-worker, was called ness. He could also put a pig's face say darkey, to people of a deeper a smith, one who smiteth,—drop the e in his bandanna, and set it up for a shade. This was enough to distin- and you have the name with entire sign on his spear-pole; and ever after guish him in that early age, when the ease. Hence, the family name of a sport his bristling honors in the name family was small, and Fame's genea- race that includes more members than of Wildboar, which time has greatly fect swamp of oblivion, with its myriad Disciple" John-than imitators of his Wilbour. Thus boar glorifieth bore. branches turned trunks.

the animals, but properly speaking lies, but only more of them. Here ended the question with our densed to the very marrow and gristle. great family of smiters. simple-minded Dutchman, here it ends | On a bald pate where a fly would trip | All names were significant in the your krout wait for him to settle the hid piled up the rocks" in the Stony but beautifully observed. wherefore of his having any name, or Desert. Charlemange was a great Men of old did not so belie the that name in which he was summoned | Carle; Front-de-Bouf an obstinate significance of their names as they to dinner. But philosophy never dines, bull-head; and Charles-le-Chaune, who now do-for being cut to fit, the garand to her it imports much why he in spite of consecrating hereditary ment of fame did fit, sometimes like

progress of civilization, and the atts, and the great science of nomenclature. But if she has her head, nobody else Dunn, and Green—to that complexsop; and White, Black, Brown, Grey, Black is perhaps a white-livered milkbut if she has her head, nobody else Dunn, and Green—to that complexsop; and White could play the Moor could ever dine; so instead of going ion had it come at last,"—were all without cork; Craven fights like a into the wilderness of wisdom opened fastened on the posterity of their first Trojan; Little stalks by, six feet seven up by his name, Haus may go to his possessors, as indelibly as if they had in his boots; Strong might creep with father the D— Dutchman, and we all sat down on so many different his puny body through the sword-hilt will go to the limited consideration of paint-pots. Yethereditary nomencla- of his ancestor; Switt mopes behind ture is comparatively modern. When the smalls; and Good raises "the To commence methodically, though men had nothing else to give their antiquated Henry' with his regueries. someways from the beginning: names | children, they were too generous to | Such contradictions and anamolies reare of two kinds, proper and common; give them the paternal name; it was sult from the use of old fossils to build yet nothing is now more common than enough then, it the parent bequeathed new houses. Let us remember, howproper names are; and, indeed, noth- his vices to his sin, without the legacy ever, that there are more people now ing more proper than common names. of the bad name they earned. And than formerly, and when all the grave-A man's own name is his proper name, the sons, to do them justice, generally stones of antiquity will not furnish in spite of unfitness or incongruity. did ample credit to the implied faith labels enough for the demand, there To appropriate the name of another, in their ability to earn their own repu- is a small chance for selection and as at the bottom of a note of hand, is, tation in that direction. When all adaptation. however, not proper, though, alas! the natural peculiarities were ex-too common. He is a forger who does hausted to name men by, and "still family tree derived its name from the that, whatever his trade may be. Yet | they came,"-the accidents, the inci- | soil, and with its name took nearly dents, their exploits, and their blun- everything else from the soil, till the ders, "the lay of the land, and the serfs had littleleft but the name. Those out imputation of guilt, John Smith looks of the people,"—were all pressed feudal family trees were "gallows" being a common noun, and synony- into the service; and Billy Bowlegs trees, to use a modernism; and the mous with anonymous, if that is not a bowed and scraped to Mr. Packpenny, numerous dependants from their many and Mr. Stackpole leant his assistance | branches had the name of being supto his neighbor Cobhouse, and Mr. ported by the same. With them was were anonymous, not, indeed, John Craven bequeathed his name to a race the name, but with the lordly tree the of heroes, and his nature to some game; which game some tree in fact great uncle of Col. Bragg; while Hill supported them, as the fly-catcher stooped kindly to Le Vallé, and supports the fly it feeds on. In addi-Underhill looked up respectfully to tion to a small fraction of their own Montaign; Waters ran into Lakes; carnings, and the privilege of fighting

mon people became too numerous for sighted gentlemen who had not anparticular names, they took names in ticipated the inevitable democracy of that illustrious personage himse f, whose billets of wood, addressed rather to classes from particular trades—so they nature, which soon confounded mas- "name led all the rest." There needed no the head than the understanding. Cain were called according to their calling. ters and servants in indistinguishable es cial prompting to his tribe, from Leigh supposed to be the originator of Parsons and Priests met with Churches confusion. IDAT FIGSES INC. Week Constitution

Smiths? The philosopher who under- them, and as a memorial legacy to walked in irons"-very suggestive of takes to account for human names, and their country, enriched by their exemthe fate of forgers to this day-thus overlooks that great question, is but plary household, the common language poorly qualified to grapple with his with two invaluable words, Knave and subject. So large and diversified a Villain, which was, in another sort. portion of the human family, com- giving their names to their retainers. first man, bore a proper name, though a little stained—with apple-juice cellence in character from sainthood But this is a misapprehension of the to zero, and from devil-hood up to crusades, if they did little towards customs of the time. It has become zero, claims particular notice in the Christianizing the Paynim, did much so well known as to be a proverbial philosophy of proper names, and this in christening the believers. The phrase, that every human, at his début is the place to bestow it. Why are man whose father had killed a pecuin this world, is a "little red baby;" there so many John Smiths? We fiarly tough hog in the woods, was it is a birth mark from his father undertake to answer the momentous privileged to deck his epaulets with

We are told that he gave names to are more puguacious than other fami- like any vulgar liquor, by the hogs-

they were not proper names; merely An ancient king of Poland, once for distinction he called his favorite victorious over an army of unbelievers, ration have been cruel disseminators of prop cows "bug-horn," "brindle," and had them all christened; the superior er names. To perpenate their respect or "line-back;" and on that long first day, officers first, and singly, then the sub- love, men give their children the names of before Eve came, it is not strange that ordinates, according to rank, in classes, great or good men, so handing down, too lithe called one graceful creature his then the soldiery, in solid regiments, and another his "duck." The priest waving from a cedar bough thing was highly proper, but the a shower of holy water along the n mes were not; and we repeat, you ranks, shouted as the case may bec.mot le too cauticus about confound- "Tenth Regiment of the Twelith Bating names with things. When people talion of Light Infantry-I, baptize hab'e to diry handing, and has reduced began to multiply—which Daboll says you Peter, in the name," &c.—the casar and Poinpey to their least common is "a more rapid way of doing addi-next "John," the third "Andrew," denominator, as dogs and donkeys. Then, if his neck, and squeezed him to death!" tion"—it is obvious they must have a and so on, through all the Apostles, the uniucky bearer of a great name proves said I, very confidently; "I wouldn't more convenient, not to say more Holy Fathers, Unholy Father-Con- himself a genius, poor bewildered Fame, have been a bit afraid." polite, way of distinguishing people fessors, Martyrs, and Marvel-mougers; with her trumpet cracked on some for ich in the second person, than to run till the whole army of the faithful had tugging at their coat-tails, and saying lent their names to grace the army of ther of his Country," which, by the way tuce. The path led through some you! you!" or the not less indeli- the aliens, down to the baggage-boys doesn't speak well for said country's mother woods, and there were trees around cate fashion of pointing to those in the and camp-scullions. The regiment of third person; or in their absence, of artisans, all smiters before they were trying to distinguish between the full sonorous of it, I saw perched on the end of a going through the laborious circumlo- fighters, chanced to be christened for cution of a circumstantial description. the Apocalyptic Seer, and were soon new worthy Wm. Tibbs Shakespeare. Wil-Hence, at a very early period, men dispersed by the general order, "To liam Tibbs were safer on his own legs. began to lay hold of any remarkable the Eleventh Regiment, Twelfth Batfeature, even if it were the very nose talion of the Royal Infantry, John of a man, and with equal facility if it Smith, you are hereby disbauded, and chanced to be enormously large, or ordered to repair to your several and give it to the son, the addition usually breath enough to speak, I told my moth-astonishingly small, a hatchet, or a homes without delay." This, in adturn-up; thereby to lang a name, dition to all the natural and ordinary which should be his biography, pormethods of increase, will account for trait, caricature, or genealogy, con- the multiplicity of Johns in all the firm. Whe her Cinnebar, that alias for the dog, and I was sure it was a panther."

with most men, who never ask why up, they would stick a cognomen; and primitive times, though doubtless the genitive's proves that Adams is a descendsames should be suffered to lord it call the hardiest hero names, to his many who bore them we're insignifi- ant of Adam-a fact important to those who over things. But philosophy, which very face. So Nimrod—which you cant, as indeed the names themselves would caim an ancient, well-authenticated and whispered to me, 'Let's go and like the lowly violet, the most unpreutility steps out, has a longer inquisi-ram-rod—caught his name by being signified a name? A rose is supposed tion in the case. To Hans it were a great hunter; and all the Caphuses, to be capable of exerting the same enough to know that the rough aspi- Stones, Pedros, Pierres, Paythers, and titillatory power to produce sensations rate-ha al-hi-s, is his name, and he Peters, are de rived from some hard- of pleasure under any other cognowould hardly be so wise as to let headed, hard-hearted old Arab, who men; as Shakspeare has erroneously,

was so cailed; and she might from so rights, could have no hairs to his the shirt of Nessus on the back of short a text preach an endless disser- name, was but a bald-headed Charley. Hercules. But handed down to postation on philology, anatomy, the Among men's faces, as among their terity, they sit oddly on the dwarfed

and La Fontaine had a draught for the battles of their lords, the retainer

a memento of the spoils—in short, to with which the earth was underpinned. a process in most trades. He that which honor often descended where logical banian had not grown to a per- kindred, more namesakes of the "Meck tamed down, and domesticated into meekness; not to say that the smiters and the bright wine of fame is put up

head. Gratitude and a certain remorseless admitality of genius.' There is some discount in this kind of glory; it renders a white name " Second Byron," and five and fortieth "Fa--must blow her immortal jaws into cramps blast of "William Shakespeare!" and the log that jutted out over the dipping

Before family names became hereditory, it was a very common device among all nations run home! I don't think I ever run to prefix or affix syllables to the fuher's name. signifying of or from or son. Thus Bar-Jo- er what a fearful mouster I had seen nth was the son of Jonah; Jackson, the son that it had such large fiery eyes, and of a Jack, and Jillson, the son of Jill, of that was twice as large as Uncle John's thief-god, Mercury, is the son of sin, we "Why, child," said mother, "Uncle leave to the commentators. The addition of Johu's dog is large enough to make of this kindly little bird, who certainly and stands as a monument in the name of the our brave little girl put her arms breathing the sweet fragrance of the great road-maker, Macadam, to show his around its neck and squeezed it to early year. derivation from the same distinguished pro- death. it is pleasant to know it; hence the utility of mounted to my face in a moment, and our researches.

The Weich multiply appellations by aps, as Richard-op-Richard, which, by rapid enun- the same projecting log sat a fat racciation, becomes Richard Pri chard, the son coon watching the trout in the brook, of Richard. In this way a Weichman may and thinking, no doubt, what a nice carry a complete geneolog callist of his ances- dinner they would make him. But knows who, down to the last prince of wails and wan sthat 'appened to precede him. If and took him home, and the next day Mr. Hazzard were a Welchman, his son he made a breakfast for us. might be called 'ap-Hazzard, without intima ting any hing formitous in his or gin.

The Irish, to represent the "son of," say O' -not indeed as an exc'amation of surprisefor in that prolific Is and the birth of a son is no such a rarity as to excite wonder. It is on'y a contraction of of, a word sufficiently short, one would hink, but put in such fre quent requisition it has to throw off its lune bering consonant, that it may keep up with the march of population.

The Duich carry along their family honors in a l'an, which term serves not only for Wags, but Wagons, and Wag'ners.

The Russians, in handing down porsonal honors as an heir-(and-blde-)!oom, to their families, give their sons the itch, which foreigners so sneeze at to this day. Jaroslof's son Vsevolod, was the first to introduce, the custom, by calling himself Jaroslavitch, thinking anything better than his own name, which a man cannot begin to pronounce without sticking up his nose at it. To their grandsons, in the same euphonious tongue, they

said off; thus, Kutmynoseoff is a grandson of Ku.-my-nose. The Orientals, with no intention to nickname, call their boys Ben, which mikes it appear that Benhadad must have been the son of 'A-Dad, to say the least. As Fame in the East blows her trumpet both ways-that is, from son to father, as well as from father to son-they have to prefix Abou to signify Lion, Lamb, Fox, Wolf, and half of was allowed to take the good name of the father of ; so that "Abou-Ben-Adhem," the nobles, to the vast gratification of whose tr be has been respectfully requested Barnum-Noah's Menagerie. the nobles, to the vast gratification of whose tr be has been respectfully requested the nobles, to the vast gratification of those farthe nobles, to the vast gratification of those farto "increase," must have been the father of the conthe pride and vanity of those farthe son of Adam, making him no other than Hunt, since it was to him that the first com- tocracy.

has been obeyed with a cheerful alacrity that possible. By a singular coincidence, both; Brewer sent out Beers, and to its holder, he is either descended this was the first heard of—the days of Fisher brought in Eels; and, in short, from My Lord Foodle or his man hold out, and pr pares us to expect a falling Tubal Cain, whose impudence in that everybody had the name of doing Jack, and lucky he, if the latter, say off on the latter commandments. And here, something in the way of his trade.

How came there so many John these great lords built villages for the beginning, we prose to rest.

### From the Little Pillgrim. A PANTHER STORY.

"Aunt Ellen, tell us a story." "A story? What sort of a one?" "A panther story," says Willie. "Oh; yes, a panther story," says Edgar and Eloise in a breath.

"A. panfer tory," echoed little Della. "Well, then, a pauther story it must be. But now you must all keep still and listen. When I was a little girl, not larger than Ida, I had a dear aunt whom my sisters and I used to tease for stories.

"Once she told us about two young ladies who went walking in the woods The other lady, of course, would not go and leave her friend to be eaten; much resembling a wren, which came had not been for a hunter who came to be seen, and when a few premaalong with a gun and shot the panther | turely warm days had given a flatterjust as he was about to kill the girls.' "Wasn't she a silly girl to faint?" said my sister. "I'd have climbed a tree!"

"But the panther could beat her climbing trees," said aunty.

"I'd ha' run like everything, and then he could not get me," said little

wisest thing she could do was to faint, so the panther could eat her when she did not know any thing about it."

"Some time after that, my mother sent me to the brook to wash some letthe spring. When I got within sight hole such a frightful animal! One glance convinced me it was a panther! Didn't I drop the pan of lettuce, and so fast before. As soon as I could get

genealogy. Mac has the same significance, fetch it to the house; for, of course, tending, but welcomest of flowers,

er and mother to the spring. And on

"After that, for a long time, if ever meeting another raccoon."

number of little voices.

like my stories, I will tell you another."

to the fruitful lap of yielding earth. labors with confidence. Suddenly there stood out before him, under the shade of a huge linden tree. blue-bird, so poetically yet truly dea vision. The old man was struck with scribed by Wilson. His appearance great amazement.

"I am Solomon," spoke the phanyou doing here, old man?"

"If you are Solomou," replied the venerable laborer, "how can you ask followed out to this hour."

lesson," resumed the phantom. "Go tion of the month of May, as given by again to the ant, and learn from that in-sect to rest in the winter of your life, the middle of May, and lasts until and enjoy what you have gathered up." -German Allegory.

"If five and a half yards make a perch, how many will make a cat-fish?"

was just seen fishing for east in the Atlantic, and is supposed to belong to the — fish aris-

From Wolfort's Roost. THE BIRDS OF SPRING. BY WASHINGTON INVING.

My quiet residence in the country, alouf from fashion, politics, and the money market, leaves me rather at a loss for occupation, and drives me occasionally to the study of nature, and other low pursuits. Having few neighbors, also, on whom to exercise my habits of observation, I am fain to amuse myself with prying into the domestic concerns and peculiarities of the animals around me; and during the present season have derived considerable entertainment from certain sociable little birds, almost the only visitors we have had during this early part of the year.

Those who have passed the winter in the country are sensible of the delightful influences that accompany the earliest indications of spring; and of and saw a panther. One of them was these none are more delightful than so frightened that she fainted away. the first notes of the birds. There is one modest, little, sad-colered bird, so she staid with her, and the ugly about the house just, on the skirts of beast would have eaten them both, if it winter, when not a blade of grass was ing foretaste of soft weather. He sang early in the dawning, long before sunrise, and late in the evening. just before the closing in of night, his matin and his vesper hymns. It is true he sang occasionally throughout the day; but at these hours his song was more remarked. He sat on a leafless tree, just before the window, and warbled forth his notes, few and simple, but singularly sweet, with something of a plaintive tone, that heightened their effect.

> The first morning that he was heard was a joyful one among the young folks of my household. The long. death-like sleep of winter was at an end; nature was once more awakening; they now promised themselves the immediate appearance of buds and blossoms. I was reminded of the tempest tossed crew of Columbus, when, after their long, dubious voyage, the field-birds came singing round the ship, though still far at sea, rejoicing them with the belief of the immediate proximity of land. A sharp return of winter almost silenced my little songster, and dashed the hilarity of the household; yet he poured forth now and then a few plaintive notes: between the frosty pipings of the breeze, like gleams of sunshine between wintry clouds.

I have consulted my book of ornideserves honor and favor far beyond "Aunty looked up very smilingly his modest pretensions. He comes

Another of our feathered visitors. genitor. When remarkable men are related. "How foolish I felt! My blood who follow close upon the steps of winter, is the Pe-wit, or Pe-wee, or without saying a word I followed fath- Phobe-bird; for he is called by each of these names, from a fancied resemblance to the sound of his monotonous note. He is a sociable little being, and seeks the habitation of man. A pair of them have built beneath my porch, and have reared several broods dinner. Father killed him with a club, there for two years past, their nest being never disturbed. They arrive early in the spring, just when the crocus and the snow-drop begin to peep I was lazy, and hesitated about start- forth. Their first chirp spreads glading, when mother sent me for water, ness through the housel "The Phæbo she would ask me if I was afraid of bird has come!" is heard on all sides; they are welcomed back like mem-"Tell it again! tell it again!" said a bers of the family; and speculations are made upon where they have been, "Oh, not now; but by-and-by, if you and what countries they have seen, during their long absence. Their arrival is the more cheering, as it is THE old man was toiling through the pronounced by old, weatherwise peoburden and heat of the day, in culti- ple of the country, the sure sign that vating his field with his own hands, the severe frosts are at an end, and and depositing the promising seeds in that the gardener may resume his

About this time, too, arrives the gladdens the whole laudscape. You hear his soft warble in every field. tom, in a friendly voice. "What are He socially approaches your habitation, and takes up his residence in

your vicinity.
The happiest bird of our spring. this? In my youth you sent me to the however, and one that rivals the ant: I saw its occupation, and learned | European lark in my estimation, is from that insect to be industrious, and the Boblincoln or Bobolink, as he is to gather. What I then learned I have commonly called. He arrives in that choice portion of the year which, in "You have only learned half your this latitude, answers to the descripnearly the middle of June. Earlier than this, winter is apt to return on its traces, and to blight the opening beauties of the year; and later than this begin the parching, and panting, The fellow who perpetrated the above and dissolving heats of summer. But in this genial interval, nature is in all her freshness and fragrance; "the