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It is not a question of how much a man knows, but what he can make of what he knows.—Holland.

Many of the Early Prospectors Selected the Names of Wives or Sweethearts, Which Stand Now as Reminders of Romances of Bygone Days.

Behind the names of many of the mining claims and mines of every mining district in the west there lies a wealth of romance and history, both pathetic and ludicrous. The Black Hills furnish as many and as good examples of the peculiar circumstances under which many claims are named as any locality in the country.

One of the best known mines in the southern hills is the Holy Terror. Back in the early days this claim was located by an old miner who had worked some years without success. The claim was a hard one to work. When the man went home in the evening after locating his claim his wife asked him what he named it. He smiled and said, "For you, my dear," and her further inquiry drew forth the fact that he had called it Holy Terror. Another man once named his claim General Annie for his wife, while still a third perpetuated the memory of his wife, who was a noted clubwoman, by naming his claim Silent Julia.

The hills are dotted with the names of claims recalling romances of bygone days. Many a young, ambitious man came here when the mining boom of the eighties was at its height, lured with hope of a fortune, and all that remains to tell the tale is the name of the claim. One man named his claim Annie for his wife, while still a third perpetuated the memory of his wife, who was a noted clubwoman, by naming his claim Silent Julia.

In the Galena district there is a small abandoned claim known as the Widow, with which there goes a story. Years ago a youth named Hanley appeared from somewhere with a few thousand and with zeal commenced to sink his money in a hole in the ground in the hope of a vast fortune. Back in the old home a little widow waited in vain for the golden wealth he said was sure to come and the wedding day that would celebrate it. It took but a short time for the youth's small savings to dwindle away with his inexperience, and, chagrined and disheartened, he put a bullet through his brain on the site of his blasted hopes.

One prospector who worked diligently on a claim which was staked by an outsider and had difficulty in even getting his living expenses secured his revenge by naming his claim Old Perdition.

Men of patriotic turn of mind have chosen names of those famous in history, as Washington, Lincoln, etc. Each of the presidents has been remembered, famous generals, all of the states, seafaring heroes and heroes of the Philippines, as Dewey and Funston. Indian names by the score are found, as Hiawatha, Minnehaha and Nanam. Those of sporting proclivities chose race horses as Nancy Hanks, Salvador, Maid S., Red Wilkes, Joe Patchen. Favorite authors have been remembered, as Longfellow, Burns and Dickens. One student named his group Mihiades, Mark Anthony, Attilla and Cleopatra.

One man of a pessimistic vein chose What's Left and Some Left. The average business man in naming claims will choose a simple name and use a series of numbers, as, for instance, Thomas No. 1, Thomas No. 2, etc. One man favored his wife by calling his claim Red Headed Woman. Two adjoining claims are known as On Time and Late.

An odd case was known in the name of the Hoodleg claim, which was located by a German and an Irishman and intended by the former to be called Heidelberg. When the Irishman reached town to record the location he had forgotten his partner's selection of a name and said it was something like Hoodleg, which, for convenience, was the name recorded.

The Prodigal Son lived up to its name by bankrupting its locator, who returned to Iowa at the behest of the father who had put up the funds for the venture. Among the names that doubtless conceal stories never known are Old Whiskers, She Devil, Crack Brain and Crank.

Some of the gulches have names that refer to incidents. Two Bit was named because a placer miner declared his first haul would yield about two bits. Then there are Poor Man's Gulch, Sheepkill, Blacktail, Whitehall, Crooked Arm, Poverty and Prosperity.—Deadwood Cor St. Louis Republic.

DRIVING THIN GLASSES.

A Dealer Tells Why the Maid Breaks Them So Often.
 "Our maid certainly worked destruction on those sherry glasses, those delicate little glasses," said the customer to the dealer. "There were six, and she broke three inside of three months."
 "Oh, you got off easy, judging from the stories that come to us," replied the store man.
 "Well, I see how it is," responded the customer. "I tried wiping a few of these glasses myself the other night, and the first thing I knew I wiped the side right out of one. As the maids say, 'Why, they break 'em in the towel!'"
 "Now, if you would wait until they were nearly dry," remarked the dealer, "you'd never break any at all. Take this cordial glass with the very thin stem. You naturally seize it by the foot and turn it while you wipe the bowl with the other hand. While the glass is wet the dish towel, gripped between two fingers, holds the bowl like a vise, and you just naturally twist the stem in two. But if you let the glass get nearly dry the towel slips, and the danger is over."
 "Doesn't that make streaked glasses?"
 "No, not if the water and towels are clean. Of course you ought to have towels that you use only for glassware. Towels that have been used on dishes are likely to have grease on them, and grease is the great enemy of brilliancy in glassware."
 "Then can soap be used in the water?"
 "Oh, yes. We use pure white soap with ours. The main point is to have the water hot enough. That helps with the drying, too, because when you take a glass out of very hot water and set it aside to drain it will dry itself before you can take a towel to it. This paper is good as a polisher because usually it has never touched grease. Alcohol has a reputation as a polisher, but its function is rather to clean. Cut up potatoes are good to shine up the insides of pitchers and carafes."—New York Post.

A FAREWELL CHAT.

Interview Between the Boss and the Man He Fired.
 Neither of the partners had arrived, and the clerks that morning were indulging in their usual bout of gossip.
 "Did I tell you, chaps, that I was leaving?" drawled the languid swell of the staff, whose incompetence was as palpable as the splendor of his attire.
 "Heard you'd got the sack," replied the spectacled cashier gruffly.
 "I answered an advertisement yesterday for what looks like a first class job," resumed the overdressed one, ignoring the remark. "I've pitched rather a strong yarn, but you've got to do that if you want to keep up with the times."
 Just then the senior partner entered, and all wrote intently.
 Within five minutes the "old man," who had been opening letters, called the last speaker into his room, and the following dialogue became plainly audible to those outside:
 "Have you been in our service seven years?"
 "No, sir; only fifteen months."
 "And is your salary \$110 a week?"
 "Oh, no, sir; 30 shillings."
 "And are you in entire charge of the counting house?"
 No reply.
 "And are you leaving us because of a difference with the firm regarding the management of our colonial branches?"
 Dead silence and a short pause.
 Then the old man:
 "You should be more careful in your statements, sir. This is a small world. The advertisement you answered was for the situation you are leaving on Saturday. That will do."—London Tit-Bits.

Americanism in England.

The following speech is put into the mouth of an American helmsman in an English story called "A Subaltern of Horse."
 "I've a hunch that this is the biggest game of spoof I've officiated in yet, Mr. Herries. You have a nerve and no mistake." Then as Herries withdrew she caught sight of Fox's smiling face. The lad turned on him hotly. "You were in this too, I like your neck. You'll have to pitch a tale to pop. He's drawn on a man for less out west. Come, Margi, let's get we're the lobsterers this like. Captain, will you please escort us to our carriage?"

He Aimed Higher.

He kissed her hand.
 She withdrew it hastily and gazed reproachfully at him.
 "I didn't think it of you," she said, almost tearfully. "I had always considered you a young man with ideals and"—
 "I—I am sorry if I have offended," he stammered. "I—"
 "Well," she said bitterly, "I certainly expected you to aim higher."
 So he took heart and made new resolutions and things.

Why will the newspapers persist in calling the meetings of the national and state granges "conventions?"

That word does not appear in the grange vocabulary.

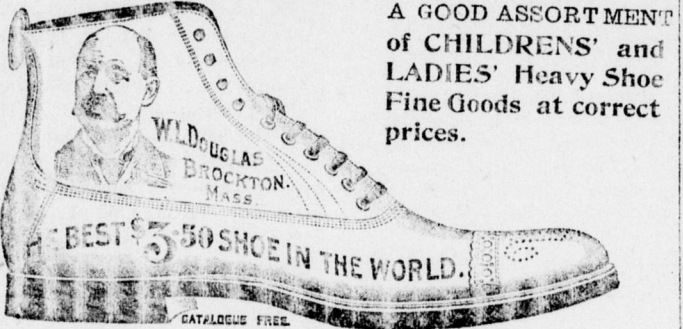
Governor R. S. Woodruff of Connecticut will be a member of the seventh degree class at the national grange meeting at Hartford in November.

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