

able to give the child an appropriate name.

For a country squire, for a clerk, for a mechanic, a day labourer, for anyone, in fact, who is just a steady-going, everyday kind of person, with no particular brilliance of intellect or aptitude for any special calling, his or her name is a minor consideration. But for him or her who is destined to become an author, an artist, an actor, a doctor, a great engineer, or scientist, it is quite certain that the question of name is of the very highest importance.

The first proof of this fact is that actors have for generations past made a regular practice of adopting stage-names, which eventually become property so valuable that ladies do not change them even when they marry. Authors, too, frequently write under noms-de-plume, which are equally likely to be remembered by their readers.

Who will deny, for instance, that "Mark Twain" is more apt to strike the eye than Samuel Clemens, "Max Adler," than Charles H. Clark, or "Dagonet," than G. R. Sims?

Quite apart, however, from pen or stage names, a calm consideration of Christian names seems to show that the possession of a strong strange-sounding or uncommon name has something definite to do with its owners success in life. Not that the individual whose parents or sponsors present it with such a name must necessarily rise to eminence in consequence of it. There are plenty of instances to the contrary. But the fact remains that a very large proportion of the leading men and women of this year of grace, 1904, do possess uncommon names, especially given names.

This is particularly true in the literary world. When the greatest bard of Empire published his first work, most people imagined that Rudyard Kipling was merely a pen name. The same may be said of the creator of Sherlock Holmes.

Rider Haggard is the sort of name which would strike one even if its bearer had no other claim on the mind. Hall Caine is another striking name. So are Shan Bullock, Marion Crawford, Max Pemberton, Justin McCarthy, Pott Ridge, Guy Boothby, Maclaren Cobban, Augustine Birrell, Raymond Blathwayt, and a host of others that might be mentioned. All these, however, are genuine names which their owners received as babies.

The stage, too, has many most distinguished members whose own names are of themselves sufficiently striking for a self-given stage name to be entirely unnecessary. Beerholm Tree is the first instance to mind, and Squire Bancroft the second. Then how about Forbes Robertson, Olga Nethersole, Dion Boucicault, and Hayden Coffin? Could more striking combinations be easily invented?

Among the very best known artists of to-day are a number whose names are almost equally striking. One may note as examples Carruthers Gould, Mortimer Menpes, Max Beerholm, Zebusia Shannon, Bernard Partridge, Briton Riviere. Brown, again is a com-

mon name enough, but there is only one Gordon Brown.

There is nothing specially distinguished about the name of Heaton, but in conjunction with Henniker, it becomes "familiar in our mouths." So, too, with Hardie, yet few M.P.s are better known than the hero of the deer-stalker—Keir Hardie. Mr Chamberlain seems to have had some inkling of the value of a good first name when he christened our youngest Chancellor of the Exchequer Austen. Among other diplomats whose names we all know well are Taubman Goldie, Schomberg McDonnell, St. John Brodrick, and Winston Churchill.

Quite half of our famous doctors have strong and uncommon combinations of names. Broadbent, Lauder Brunton, Dyce Duckworth, are examples.

Among kings of finance are to be found a wonderful assortment of names. There is something imposing in the mere four syllables, Pierpont Morgan. Waldorf Astor is another striking combination. Whittaker Wright, Clinton Dawkins, Blundell Maple, Jay Gould, Ohio C. Barber are others which come at once to mind.

It would be easy to fill pages of this paper with columns of strange names all belonging to well-known people. Kennerly Rutherford in music, Winington Ingram as a cleric, Ray Lankester as a scientist, Redvers Buller in the Army, Louthian Bell, Fletcher Moulton are one or two further examples. But enough has been said on this point.

There is one other thing which parents would do well to bear in mind. Without doubt some of the ordinary names are more lucky than others. Therefore, those who object to out-of-the-way or eccentric Christian names should consider the advisability of giving their children a lucky name. Alfred is one of these. Alfred Beit is probably the richest man in the world. Alfred Austin is Poet-Laureate. Alfred Lyttelton was a great cricketer, and is a coming statesman. Sir Alfred Jones is the greatest shipmaster, and Sir Alfred Hickman one of the greatest ironmasters. If more examples are needed, there is Alfred Deakin, Premier of Australia; Alfred Gilbert, R.A.; Canon Alfred Brook, and a host of other well-known and fortunate Alfreds.

Scientific Hints for the House.

Old napkins and old tablecloths make the best of glass cloths. To curl a feather bon that has been damped with rain or dew, rub in a handful of common salt, and shake until dry before a bright fire. The smaller the joint of meat the

hotter should be the oven. Of course, the time required for roasting the joint is proportionately less than that needed for a large one. The most simple way to clean tin covers is to make a paste with soap and whitening in equal quantities, add a little water to thin it, and apply to the tins with a piece of rag or flannel. Let it dry on, and afterwards polish with a leather and some dry inkling. Those who suffer from offensive breath will find that by taking a teaspoonful of common salt in a wineglassful of pure water the first thing every morning the breath will be much improved, and the mouth can be well rinsed with this mixture. The teeth should be brushed morning and night, a tooth powder of equal parts of precipitated chalk and powdered orris root being very serviceable. Very little sugar or sweets should be taken, and no onions or radishes. For the kind of sleeplessness that comes from overwork or nervous exhaustion here are two simple but effective remedies. One is to have the feet very warm, and put them against a rubber bag filled with very hot water. A rubber bag is better than an earthenware bottle, as it will retain the heat for hours. The first effect, that of seeing how much heat the feet can stand without being absolutely burnt, is rather interesting, and when this has passed away the blood has begun to leave the head, and sleep will come. The second method is much simpler. It is simply to discard the pillow, turn over and lie on the stomach, with hands clasped under the forehead to lift the head a trifle. This will often send one to sleep.

Hints for Housewives.

Many persons place a wide piece of oilcloth under the dining table over the carpet. The carpet is thus protected and the oilcloth can easily be cleaned. When laid on the floor before a sink, table, desk, or any spot where there is much wear the saving of carpets and floors is considerable.

The flavour of a duck is much improved by roasting with an orange and an onion in the body.

Salted almonds are now so fashionable that a hint as to preparing them may be useful. Blanch half a pound of almonds and dry. Scatter a teaspoonful of fine dry salt over, spread on buttered tins, and put in the oven till the almonds become a pale yellow, stirring frequently.

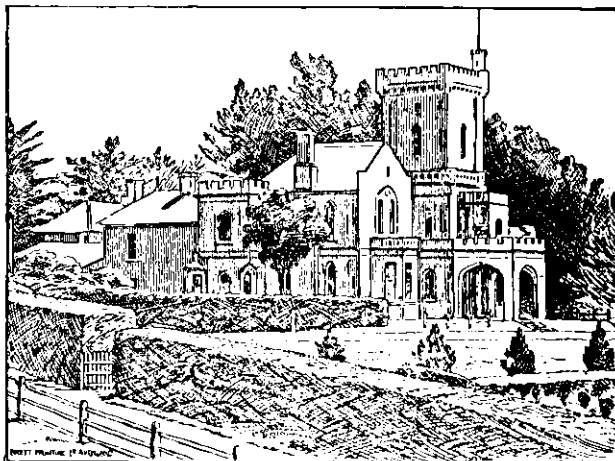
Hot alum water is the best insect destroyer known. Put the alum into hot water, and let it boil until it is dissolved; then apply the solution hot with a brush to all cracks, closets, bedsteads, and other places where any insects may be found.

When baking a cake divide the time into quarters, and look at your cake only four times, taking it out the last time. At the end of the first quarter it should be somewhat risen, with bubbles on the top; the second quarter finds it well risen and beginning to brown very slightly; at the end of the third quarter it is "set" and evenly but lightly browned. The last look into the oven should find the cake ready to take out. Be sure of this before you take it out, however.

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