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THE NEWCOMER.

Lucky If He Escapes Harsher Fate Than a Nickname.

The instinctive attitude toward strangers of people in self-contained communities, in which there is but little coming and going, is one of hostility, says the London Globe. Traces of this feeling—a survival, surely, from the days of the tribal or village community—are still to be found even in many places where the immensely increased facilities for inter-communication have broken up and almost abolished the old, isolated modes of life. There are still old world rural parts where those who come from or belong to other districts are generally styled "furriners." But this is really a survival of medievalism.

Connected with the old hostile attitude toward the outsider is the custom, which is found all over the world, of dubbing the newcomer, whether to country or town, or profession, with a nickname, humorous or satirical. In the far west of America or Canada he who comes fresh from the east or from Europe is a "tenderfoot." Originally, no doubt, the name was almost literally true. A backwoodsman, or frontiersman, is a tolerably tough and hardened individual, and a newcomer from more civilized parts would probably find he deserved the name of "tenderfoot" before he had been long on the tramp. But, of course, the epithet soon gained a wider application, and became a label for a fresh arrival of any kind. Another western name of like meaning was "pilgrim."

In India, for many a long year, the newcomer has usually been known as a "griffin," usually shortened to "griff," but no one has yet been able to explain the origin of the term. As a "griffin" is naturally green to the ways of the country, it is not surprising to find the word turned into a verb, as shown in the following fragment of an Anglo-Indian ballad:

He deemed no sin
To griff a headless friend—plain English—
take him in!

In the Malay peninsula newly imported Chinese coolies are known as "sinkeys," but why we cannot say. Australia, of course, has its own nicknames for the newcomer. When he arrives fresh from the old country he is a "new chum" or a "lime-juice," and usually bears the marks of his newness thick upon him in the shape of his clothes, the topics of his talk, and the like. If he goes inland, or up country, as the Australians would say, and settles down on a sheep or cattle station, so as to get practically acquainted with the work on a large run, and thus learn the details essential to successful sheep or cattle farming, he is known at first as a "colonial experience" or a "jackaroo."

The application of nicknames is not confined to fresh immigrants in any country or colony. The habit is found in existence in many other directions. In military slang a recruit is a "rooky," and many other occupations have parallel nicknames for the novice, the raw hand, the greenhorn who is not necessarily a simpleton. "Greenhorn" itself was used in the seventeenth century as a name for a raw recruit; while "greener" is commonly used in London at the present time among sweating employers as a term for newly-arrived foreigners in search of work, who are just the material to serve the sweater's purpose. At English universities, again, the undergraduate in his first year has been known for centuries as a "freshman," which recent Oxford slang, with its idiotic love for making "er" a universal termination, turns into "fresher." Across the Atlantic freshman is similarly used, while a second year student is dubbed a "sophomore," a name unknown on this side. In an American university, when a man enters college in the "sophomore" year, having passed his freshman year elsewhere, he gets the portentous name of "freshman-sophomore," naturally shortened into the charming locution, "fresh-soph." At German universities men rejoice in a variety of strange names. In one of the chapters of Longfellow's "Hyperion" the reader may make the acquaintance of the Nasty-Foxes, otherwise freshmen; Branders, or second-term men; mossy-heads, old ones and princes of twilight. Most of them sound delightfully meaningless, which is one of the recognized beauties of cant terms.

Johnny on Ants.

My subject this month is ants. There is 2 kinds of ants, namely, insects and lady uncles. They live in little hills of sand and with their married sisters, 2 stay with us. They krawl in the sugar-hole. This is all I know about ants. Johnny Green.—St. Nicholas.

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