

Editor's Page

Professor I. J. Gelb's article is an important contribution to a phase of onomatology that has been repeatedly discussed in *Names*: the study of names in the mythology of ancient and primitive peoples (animism magic, charms, etc.). It opens a wide and little cultivated field, and we hope that Mr. Gelb's article will stimulate research in other regions, including the Americas. Mr. Gelb is the well-known orientalist at the University of Chicago and the editor of the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary. The paper was read at the meeting of the *ANS* in Chicago, December 26, 1955.

Two articles, "*Knickerbocker*" and "*House Nicknames*" deal with one of the most interesting groups of non-Indian American names — the early Dutch. J. J. Lamberts is a member of the faculty of Northwestern University; C. A. Weslager has written extensively about geographical names on the Atlantic Coast (see *Names*, December, 1954).

Harold Allen's article on nicknames in Egypt is one of the fruits of his year in Egypt as a Fulbright lecturer. He was a linguistic consultant for the Ministry of Education and a lecturer at 'Ain Shams University and the University of Cairo. He is associate professor of English at the University of Minnesota and director of the Linguistic Atlas of the Upper Midwest.

Correction. I wish to correct an error in my "Personal Message" on the Editor's Page of the March 1956 issue. Instead of "head of my department" it should read "former head of my department."

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