

## News, Comments, Queries

*Mother Nature "First at Patent Office"* is the title of the latest of the little pamphlets which our charter member, Charles M. Goethe, distributes free as a public service. In a series of succinct items he shows that many of our modern inventions were preconceived by Mother Nature eons ago. — In addition to many other services rendered, Mr. and Mrs. Goethe were among the pioneers of the movement to apply the science of genetics to the improvement of the human race. This pioneering is now bearing fruit as shown by the recent congress in Copenhagen, devoted to human genetics.

*Comstock Mine Names* is the title of a series of articles published by our member, Helen Swisher Carlson in the *Reno Evening Gazette*. The Comstock lode in Nevada is probably the best known and historically most interesting mining region in the United States and Mrs. Carlson had done an excellent job in tracing the application of names to the numerous mines located in the district. The author is continuing her studies of Nevada place names.

*Jewish Names in U. S.* — I have been puzzled for some years at the frequency of use of the "Anglo-Saxon" names, Milton, Irving, Murray, Morris, Bernard and perhaps others that I do not think of at the moment, as given names by Jewish people in the United States. Is there any explanation? James MacClamroch.

*Indian Names in Canada.* — No. 12 of *Onomastica*, edited by our vice president J. B. Rudnyckyj, bears the title "Indian, Pseudo-Indian Place Names in the Canadian West." It is an interesting account by C. Meredith Jones, dedicated to Albert Dauzat.

*In Honor of Dr. Schönfeld.* — The third and fourth issues of the 1955 volume of *Mededelingen* was published in honor of Dr. W. Schönfeld at the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday. Schönfeld is one of the outstanding scholars in our field and the author of the standard work, *Historische Grammatica van het Nederlands*.

*Onomastica* is the title of the latest newcomer in the field of name research. Its sub-title is *Pismo Poświęcone Nazewnictwu Geograficznemu I Osobowemu*. It appears twice a year and is published in Wrocław, pl. Solny 11, Poland.