

## Useful lists

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## List of pen-names so far determined from English Mechanic and World of Science

<i>Nom-de-plume</i>	Real name	Location	Reference
A	Edwin Holmes		Ref #2 & 37
A.S.L	Augustus Lukin		Ref #52
Alfred	Edwin Holmes		Ref #37
Arcanum	Mr Bland	Derby	Ref #51
Arcturus	Henry McEwin	Glasgow	Ref #31 & 60
C. W. D	Mr Isaac W. Ward	Belfast	Ref #9
Canada	W. T. B. Crombie, M.A.	Athelstan, Quebec.	Ref #6
Cochlea	Francis Mason		Ref #48
D.H. (later D.H.G.)	Mr Dodsworth. G. Haydon	Guildford	Ref #1 & 23
D.W.H	D. W. Horner	Westgate-on-sea	Ref #41
E.L.G	Mr E. L. Garbett		Ref #21
Eos	Major-general Lowther		Ref #1
Eye-Witness	G.G.B		Ref #34
Exonia	John James Hall		Ref #36
F.A.M.	Mr Moilliet		Ref #22
A Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society	Captain Noble, J. P.	Uckfield, Sussex	Ref #1 & 53
Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society	Mr. J. J. Mayall, jun.		Ref #26
Finem Respice	Mr. Richard Parr	Snettisham, near King's Lynn	Ref #19
Foramus	Charles E. Heath.		Ref #7
G.C.C.	Major-general George Clarke, C.B.		Ref #1
G.G.B.	Colonel George Beazley		Ref #35
Garrison Gunner	Capt. T. P. Battersby		Ref #43
Glatton	Mr Clement Stretton	Glatton, near Huntingdon	Ref #1 & 4
H	Dr James Hunter	Edinburgh	Ref #15
H. A. W. (later H.A.Wassell)	Henry Addenbrook Wassell	Stourbridge	Ref #55
H.P.H	Henry Pocklington		Ref #24
Hyperion	Rev. Tomlinson		Ref #20
Inductorium	S. W. Watson	Peckham	Ref #54
Jack of all trades	Mr John Hazelgrove		Ref #17
J.D.--W	John Dresser	Walsall	Ref #33
J.K.P	Major J.K. Peile, R.E.Vol.		Ref #45
Khoda Bux	Andrew Thomas Turton Peterson	Sway, Hampshire	Ref #56
Lavant	Colonel L. Paxton	Lavant, Chichester	Ref #57
Leo	Edmund M. T. Tydeman		Ref #49
Leo Brenner	Spiridion Gopchevic	Austria	Ref #30
Linea	Mr Isaac W. Ward	Belfast	Ref #8
Lyux	I. W. Wolfe	Cheshire	Ref #59
Meteor	Ernest Leopold Ahrons	Bradford	Ref #32
Meteor	D. W. Horner		Ref #3
A Member of the Microscopical Society	Captain Noble, J. P.	Uckfield, Sussex	Ref #28
M.D.	Dr. Thomas Hamilton Moorehead		Ref #29
M.Q.C	S. Bottone.		Ref #27
Mineral Borer	Van Snyman	Bethula, O.R.C, South Africa	Ref #40
Molech	F. Dye		Ref #46
O.	Oliver Heaviside		Ref #47
O.J.L	Rev. James Lukin		Ref #1
Orderic Vital	Mr. W. Bradbury		Ref #18
Oldbury	Sir Wm. Boord	Ightham Moat, near Sevenaoks	Ref #1
Pax Dei	I. W. Wolfe	Cheshire	Ref #59

Peezduke Rhyski	R. W. Hill	Manchester	Ref #39
Precursor	Sidney Russell		Ref #38
Prismatique	Mr F. Dawney		Ref #12
Saul Rymea	Samuel Ray		Ref #14
Seconds Practical Watchmaker	Mr James Coates	Leicester	Ref #42
Sigma	Mr J. T. Sprague		Ref #10
The Harmonious Blacksmith	Alfred Savage		Ref #13
The Optical Bricklayer	Samuel Cooper	Charminster, Dorsetshire	Ref #58
Treadle	Mr C. Mostyn		Ref #16
Vulcan	H. Rawstron	Rochdale	Ref #50
W.L.	William Lucas		Ref #62
W.M.F.P	William Matthew Flinders Petrie		Ref #61

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W. (Later R. then Q.)

Ref #11

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Lord Grimthorpe

Ref #5 & 25

Lord Rayleigh

Ref #5

Prof. Oliver J. Lodge.

Ref #44

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This will almost certainly apply to single letter nom-de-plume's, for example although Oliver Heaviside is identified as "O.", its very unlikley he is the same "O." with a query on wood working "Sharpening Hook Tools", in another issue.

## References

- REF #1 Often referred to just as F.R.A.S, (English Mechanic and World of Science, issue 3066, page 326 and 327)
- REF #2 The so-called Lockyer Letters, transcribed by Jerry Grover FRAS: 24 letters written (17 Jan 1902 to 14 May 1910) by Charles Grover of the Rousdon Observatory, and one letter written by Cuthbert E Peek, dated Fri 27 July 1900. The recipient was Mr. Thomas Richards of Swindon. Originally mis-transcribed as "Edison". The originals are in the Museum of the Lockyer Observatory, Sidmouth, Devon. Copies were received 1 April 1999 from David Richards, the great grandson of the recipient.  
The letter signed "A" referred to can be found in English Mechanic, issue 2294, page 135.
- REF #3 I used to contribute a monthly weather map under the pen-name of "Meteor." (English Mechanic, issue 2817, page 105), see also issue 1219, page 508, "I beg to state that I am not the " Meteor " therein mentioned, as Vol. XLV. was the first I subscribed to."
- REF #4 Glatton was taken from the name of the village in Huntingdon where I was born. (English Mechanic, March 5th, 1926. page 119)
- REF #5 While the *nom-de-plume* of many of the late contributors must still be respected, the names of the late Lords Grimthorpe and Rayleigh can be taken as cases in point. (English Mechanic issue 3069, January 18th, 1924)
- REF #6 An article by myself, under the pen-name "Canada," (English Mechanic, issue 2602, page 32)
- REF #7 under my old pen-name of "Foramus." (English Mechanic, issue 2541, page 434)
- REF #8 THE LATE MR. ISAAC W. "WARD (" LINEA "). Full page article (English Mechanic, issue 2691, page 243)
- REF #9 written by me with the heading. "The Comet of Halley," and signed " C. W. D." (the final letters of my name. (English Mechanic, issue 2332, page 423)
- REF #10 The Late Mr J. T. Sprague "Sigma" (English Mechanic, issue 2133, page 3)
- REF #11 (English Mechanic, issue 2547, page 564)
- REF #12 " Prismatic " died early in 1893. His real name was Mr. F. Dawnay. (English Mechanic, issue 2510, page v)
- REF #13 (English Mechanic, issue 2315, page 23)
- REF #14 "Saul Rymea", Samuel Ray our sub-editor for many years (English Mechanic, issue 2457, page 309)
- REF #15 "H." was Dr James Hunter, Hunter was a professor in the Royal College of Veterinary Medicine in Edinburgh (English Mechanic, issue 3070, page 25). See also EM issue 2387 page 479 "Of late I have noticed, on several occasions, letters signed "H.," which were certainly never written by me;
- REF #16 In Nature, XLIV. p. 352, will be found an interesting note by Mr. C. Mostyn, detailing observations apparently identical with those referred to be "Treadle" on p. 450 of "E.M." (English Mechanic, issue 1894, p 474). "Treadle" on p. 450 also admits to "of which I sent account to Nature afterwards--'91 or '92"
- REF #17 (English Mechanic, issue 2795, page 142) Note the name given in Ref#1 for "Jack of all trades" is wrong. A portrait of "J. O. A. T" appears in EM issue 2336, page 518).
- REF #18 They were the same. Mr. W. Bradbury wrote over both signatures—his own name, and "Orderic Vital" (English Mechanic, issue 2505, page 209)

- REF #19 We regret to record the death of an old and valued correspondent, " Finem Respice," Mr. Richard Parr, of the Bungalow, Snettisham, near King's Lynn, who at various times and through many years, under his own name and his pseudonym,(English Mechanic, issue 2644, page 392)
- REF #20 Rev. Tomlinson "Hyperion" of the E. M. years ago, (English Mechanic, issue 1782, page 309) in a letter from G. Calver
- REF #21 (English Mechanic, issue 2673, page 417)
- REF #22 Mr Moilliet, whom many will remember as our old correspondent F.A.M.(English Mechanic, issue 2169, page 258)
- REF #23 Mr Dodsworth Haydon of St Mary's-place, Shrewsbury, and formerly of Guilford, (English Mechanic, issue 1917, page 401)
- REF #24 Henry Pocklington and old correspondent of "ours" under the initials "H.P.H" (English Mechanic, issue 2518, page 493)
- REF #25 We regret to record the death of our old correspondent, Lord Grimthorpe. He died last Saturday morning, from heart failure, at the age of 89. Few men knew so many things so well. The subject on which most of his contributions during the past forty years to this journal were penned, was, of course, horology. (English Mechanic, issue 2093, page 287)
- REF #26 The " Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society," who so ably contributed to our columns in the early eighties was the late Mr. J. J. Mayall, jun., the well-known photographer of Regent-street (English Mechanic, issue 2582, page 174)
- REF #27 If you refer to Vols. XX. and XXI. of the "E.M.," you will find a very exhaustive series of papers on the Microscope : its Construction, Use, and Mode of Mounting, Objects, &c, which I wrote under the nom deplume " M. Q. C." (English Mechanic, issue 1336, page 212)
- REF #28 I may mention, as a matter of history, that 25 years ago, under the *nom deplume* of " A Member of the Microscopical Society," I described and illustrated the section-cutter of Mr. Dixon (letter 32881, p.243) on p. 12 of your IVth Volume.(English Mechanic, issue 1390, page 263)
- REF #29 Under the signature of " M.D." Dr. Moorehead has for some years contributed to our pages the medical replies which have benefited so many readers.
- REF #30 see the chapter "The curious career of Leo Brenner" in The Astronomical Scrapbook by Joseph Ashbrook
- REF #31 "in fact McEwin himself, under the rather transparent pseudonym 'Arcturus', was one of those correspondents who advocated the formation of a Venus section in the pages of English Mechanic, (article on Henry McEwin by Richard McKim in the Journal British Astronomical Association, volume 115, October 2005)
- REF #32 His first contribution to the press appears to have been a note on "North Western Engines", which appeared in The English Mechanic of May 20th, 1881, over the nom de plume "Meteor". (see note at beginning The British Steam Locomotive 1825-1925, pub London 1927.) Also a letter in EM issue 940, page 8, he signes with his real name and nom-de-plume.
- REF #33 Mr. J. Dresser is our old correspondent " J. D.—W" Having removed his business from Walsall to Birmingham,he is obliged to drop the last initial of his old signature, and thinks he may as well appear under his name.—ED, (English Mechanic, issue 808, page 28)
- REF #34 A description of the mango-tree trick will be found in the ENGLISH MECHANIC of the 6th of August, 1880, which I wrote under the signature of " Eye-Witness."
- REF #35 Under the "Notices to Correspondents" in the Chess column of English Mechanic, issue 1793, page v, is found "my old friend,G. G. B.' (Colonel George Beazley),"

- REF #36 Under the heading of "Circle", and the pseudonym "Exonia," (English Mechanic, issue 2652, page 575)
- REF #37 Although it is several years since the name of Mr. Edwin Holmes appeared in "Ours," many readers still remember the practical contributions above his signature, and latterly as "A," or "Alfred," and I much regret to say that he died on the 21st inst. at Tottenham, (having just completed his eightieth year) (English Mechanic, issue 2810, page 21)
- REF #38 In a number of letters to EM, signed Sidney Russell ("Precursor"), e.g. issue 1904, page 71. After this his letters seem to be signed only with his real name, before this time a mixture appears, some signed just "Sidney Russell" and others just "Precursor".
- REF #39 If the querist will consult his copy of the "E. M." for August 18, 1893, he will see my reply on the above to query 80993, and signed with my Slavonic nom-de-plume. Manchester. R. W. HILL.
- REF #40 F. Gannon writes in English Mechanic, issue 3081, page 183, "I noticed the query (249), and it occurs to me that those two diviners, namely, the one quoted in 249 and my old friend, are the same man. His name was Van Snyman, Bethula, O.R.C' Note, except that the letter in the previous weeks issue of EM is number 296 titled "Divining, Dowsing, or Science ?" but the author "Mineral Borer" does state "On a large estate close by Bethulie, O.R.C., I had the luck to bore into..."
- REF #41 I notice that another (probably a new) correspondent of "Ours" has assumed the initials D. W. H. I will therefore no longer hide (or attempt to hide) my identity, but sign myself as of yore— D. W. Horner, F.R.Met.Soc. Westgate-on-Sea.
- REF #42 We deeply regret to announce the death of one of our oldest contributors, "Seconds Practical Watchmaker",--Mr James Coates, of Leicester. (English Mechanic, issue 882, page 560)
- REF #43 If any of the readers of the "E. M." who have addressed questions to me (under the nom de plume of "Garrison Gunner") Letter in English Mecanic, issue 1202, page 128, signed by T. Preston Battersby, Capt. R.A., F.R.A.S.
- REF #44 The autobiography in *M. A. P.* for Sept. 29 is by Dr. Oliver Lodge, a Staffordshire man, and a correspondent of the ENGLISH MECHANIC under a *nom de plume*. Some readers can possibly discover the writer by his letters. (English Mecanic, issue 1854, page 178)
- REF #45 (English Mechanic and World of Science, issue 3066, page 326)
- REF #46 A donation of £1 is listed against F. Dye "Molech" (English Mechanic, issue 1455, page 577)
- REF #47 ..in 1872 in the the English Mechanic, a popular weekly journal, over the signature "O." It described a simple but effective method for comparing electromotive forces...taken from "the Maxwellians" by Bruce J Hunt. The letter in question is in issue 380, page 411.
- REF #48 Some time ago I wrote over the signature of "Cochlea" to the E.M., describing the matter (English Mechanic, issue 837, page 114) letter signed Francis Mason
- REF #49 ...under the nom de plume of "Leo", in vol. IX., April or May last year." In a letter signed, Edmund M. T. Tydeman (English Mechanic, issue 266, page 137)
- REF #50 H. RAWSTRON, Tonacliffe, Rcohdale. P.S. I find, on looking over the back numbers, that I have unknowingly been making use of the nom-de-plume, "Vulcan," of an able contributor to whom I tender an apology H. R. (English Mechanic, issue 408, page 445)
- REF #51 We have much pleasure in announcing that Mr Bland, of Derby (Arcanum) (English Mechanic, Chess column, issue 630, page 147)

- REF #52 We greatly regret to hear of the death of another of our oldest and most valued contributors, Mr. Augustus Lukin, whose initials, "A. S. L." have followed so many kindly and useful communications to our pages in the past. (English Mecahnics, issue 2384, page 408)
- REF #53 A two column biography on "F.R.A.S", Captain Noble(English Mechanic, issue 2052, page 540)
- REF #54 S. W. WATSON (quondam " Inductorium.") 64, Bellenden-road, Peckham. (English Mechanic, issue 1589, page 72)
- REF #55 Under "Addresses" in English Mechanic issue 814 we have.... "H. A. W.'s" address is H. A. WASSELL, Addenbrook, Love-Lane, Stourbridge
- REF #56 "Khoda Bux" identified as A.T.T. Peterson, builder of "Peterson's Tower" in Sway, though the following letter to English Mechanic; (issue 910, page 597) "I may say that I am building a tower, and my intention is to carry it up to 200ft. if I can safely do so." and "I am three miles from the sea, opposite the Needles in the Isle of Wight,"
- REF #57 Various letters signed "Lavant" and "L. Paxton of Lavant, Chichester" are likley to be the same person. Both mention time spent in India, (EM letters 27662 & 35871) and daylight observations of Jupiter and Saturn in 1881 (EM letters 30177 & 35871). Also both mention a 12½ Calver telescope.
- REF #58 See "A plea for the Reflecting Telescope" by Parry Jenkins, Journal Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Vol 5, page 59
- REF #59 ...that I. W. Wolfe, who sometimes signs himself E. G. Wolfe, and who sometimes gives his address as over Winsford, Cheshire, and at other times Townfields, near Middlewich, Chester, is the veritable correspondent who made so many mistakes in our pages as " Pax Dei," and who afterwards wrote under the nom de plume, of Lyux. (English Mechanic issue 270, page 239)
- REF #60 ...OUR old correspondent "ARCIURUS, F. R. A. S.," desires us to state that the letter, No. 3212, p. 353, was not written by him, and he asks the writer to do him the favour to adopt some other nom de plume, as, although so long silent, its original possessor has not finally retired from our pages. (English Mechanic issue 353, page 394)
- REF #61 With youthful self-assurance he wrote in 1870 to the English Mechanic and World of Science, defending the Pyramid theory against its critics... page 30 of Flinders Petrie: A Life in Archaeology - by Margaret S. Drower (English Mechanic, issue 299, page 303, letter signed "W.M.F.P")
- REF #62 "The Telectroscope, or Seeing by Electricity", and appeared under my initials in the English Mechanic, April 21, 1882, p. 151... Letter by William Lucas to Nature, 27 June 1936