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## The Long Cane Irish Prove To Be Pure Scotch

Judge W. C. Benet is writing an article for the book "Scots and Scots Descendants in America," which is now in course of publication. The article is of such interest that it has been published in advance in "The Caledonian," a magazine published in New York devoted to the interests of Scotch History. The Judge makes interesting reference to the "Long Cane Irish" and tells us that they are not Irish at all but pure Scotch. Judge R. E. Hill is the Abbeville man who changed his mind on the question of Home Rule.

The story of the Irish potato and how Maxton got his name is interesting. We wish it were possible to copy the entire article for the entertainment of our many "Scotch-Irish" readers.

"At the outset let us summarily dispose of the "Scotch-Irish." This is easily done, for no such being nor race of beings actually exists, nor ever did or ever will exist. "Presbyterian-Catholic"—that is what the "Scotch-Irish" would properly imply, and that is a compound as unlikely to occur as one of oil and water, or of Crangeman and Ribbonman. The term "Scotch-Irish" is of American manufacture, and is a misnomer of a most misleading and mischievous character, which ought to be dismissed from our vocabulary.

"But the Irish in America are not alone in being misled by the term "Scotch-Irish." The descendants of the Ulster-Scots themselves, in many States, seem to be similarly misled. When in the early seventies Home Rule for Ireland was a subject of world-wide interest, while the Ulster-Scots in Ulster were to a man bitterly opposed to it, the Ulster-Scots in America were largely in favor of it. This was supposed to be due to their Irish blood. I recall one striking instance: Discussing the subject with a very intelligent man whose grandparents had come from County Down, I assured him that if he would go over to Ireland and visit his cousins there, he

would find them opposed to the Home Rule scheme, and that he himself would become an opponent. He did as I suggested, and the result was as I foretold.

"Another illustration: In Abbeville County, South Carolina, there is a rural settlement on Long Cane Creek. The people are known as the "Long Cane Irish." They are true blue Presbyterians; in blood they are all of Ulster-Scottish descent; there is not an Irishman in the community; nor does anyone have an Irish name; yet the influence of the term, "Long Cane Irish," was so strong that they were strenuous supporters of Home Rule for Ireland, and liberal contributors to the cause.

"It is curious that there is another Hibernian misnomer in use only in the United States—the so-called "Irish potato," which is no more Irish than are the Ulster-Scots. Although it is a South American tuber, found first in Peru, I believe, the name misleads many to think that the potato came originally from Ireland. The history of the misnomer is interesting. In the early forties of last century, a famine was caused in Ireland by the failure of the potato crop. A blighting disease, previously unknown, had destroyed the potatoes. As it had first appeared in Ireland, the potato blight was generally called the "Irish potato blight"—not that the potato was Irish, but the blight. Before long the word "blight" was dropped, and the "Irish potato" was left.

"One or two illustrations will show how thoroughly Highland are the people of that region today. While holding court in Marlborough County, South Carolina, a border county, I have found as many Highland names on the jury lists as one might find in a court in Oban or Inverness. And a banker there, himself a genuine 'Mac,' told me that until he was twelve or thirteen years old, he thought every white person's name began with 'Mac.'

"Still more striking is this: A small North Carolina town in that 'Scots Country' used to be called Shoe-heel. This was thought to be a corruption of 'Lochiel'—the name of the famous Highland chief—pronounced Low-heel, and vulgarized into Shoe-heel. When, over thirty years ago, the great Seaboard Air-Line Railroad passed through that town, it was thought by the inhabitants that a town with a railroad and a post office deserved a better name than 'Shoe-heel.' A public meeting was held. Every man present was a 'Mac.' All the Highland clan names were there—MacDonald, MacDoughall, MacLeod and all. It was unanimously agreed to call the town 'Maxton,' which, being interpreted, is 'the town of the Macs'—and Maxton it is. Let me add, however, that the old church near the town is still called to Shoe-heel Presbyterian Church. If this is not a true story, it ought to be; and I believe it is."

### League as Issue Debated

The peace treaty as a possible campaign issue was debated at length again today by the senate, with prominent Republicans criticising declarations made on the subject yesterday by Elihu Root in his address to the New York Republican state convention.

Assailing the position taken by Mr. Root as "a crime against the American people," Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican, of California, an active candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, said it was "utterly silly" to suggest that the United States should go into the League of Nations and then reform it after the next inauguration.

The Republican senate leader, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, interrupted to suggest that under the covenant, amendment of the league would be 'practically impossible', and Senator Borah, Republican, of Idaho, again served notice that if the party did not come out against the league and treaty entirely he would carry his fight against ratification to the people themselves after the national conventions.

President Wilson is fond of poetry but the works of D'Annunzio are probably not among his favorites.

## SAYS HOT WATER WASHES POISONS FROM THE LIVER

Everyone should drink hot water with phosphate in it, before breakfast.

"To feel as fine as the proverbial fiddle, we must keep the liver washed clean, almost every morning, to prevent its sponge-like pores from clogging with indigestible material, sour bile and poisonous toxins, says a noted physician."

If you get headaches, it's your liver. If you catch cold easily, it's your liver. If you wake up with a bad taste, furred tongue, nasty breath or stomach becomes rancid, it's your liver. Sallow skin, muddy complexion, watery eyes all denote liver uncleanness. Your liver is the most important, also the most abused and neglected organ of the body. Few know its function or how to release the dammed-up body waste, bile and toxins. Most folk resort to violent calomel, which is a dangerous, salivating chemical which can only be used occasionally because it accumulates in the tissues, also attacks the bones.

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