

Views of the People.

A TYPICAL AMERICAN FAMILY.

To the Editor of The Star:

In the most roundabout way the editorial which appeared in your issue of Aug. 21, 1923, entitled "The Matter of Names," has been brought to my attention. As a matter of introduction, I simply state that I am the titular head of the Breakstone family in this country—titular, I say, because I have just reached my thirties.

The family is grateful to you for the comment and publicity given our little effort at family solidarity. A number of people in this country, especially in New York, have assumed the name "Breakstone," and, of course, while we do not like it, yet we are happy in knowing that the name is one to be proud of. We are just plain folks, healthy, hard-working and law-abiding. Out of the approximately 1,500 of us there are only a few cases of insanity and tuberculosis and these we have traced to collateral origin. A Breakstone has never been in jail, either in this or the other side of the water, and we have the respect and assume the leadership in every community where we happen to locate. In all but a very few instances we make good livings, in other words, we are no more and no less than good, solid people in every sense of those words.

A reference to the fourth paragraph of the story given the Associated Press last year indicates that we have some members in the family somewhat above the average.

There is no desire to burden you with a lot of "reading dope," knowing you must have enough of it, but inasmuch as our convention of last year attracted your attention to the extent of causing you to comment editorially upon it, we felt that, perhaps, we are obligated to keep you informed from time to time of our activities. The movement is a splendid one, especially in these days of no conventionality and extravagance, when it is so necessary for retrenchment in government expenditures and the like.

Chicago. J. S. BREAKSTONE.

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