References for “Bachelors”

**Anacreon**: 563-478 B.C. Greek poet noted for his songs praising love and wine. Only pieces of his poetry remain. *anacreontic* (adj.) - jovial, festive and amorous

**Benedick**: a notorious bachelor from Shakespeare’s *Much Ado About Nothing*. From the very first scene: “That a woman conceiv’d me, I thank her; that she brought me up, I likewise give her most humble thanks; but that I will have a rechate winded in my forehead, or hang my bugle in an invisible baldrick, all women shall pardon me. Because I will not do them the wrong to mistrust any, I will do myself the right to trust none; and the fine is (for the which I may go the finer), I will live a bachelor” (I.i.238-246)

**cataract**: a waterfall or steep rapids in a river

**Charles Lamb**: 1775-1834. English essayist of the Romantic period, a schoolmate of the poet Coleridge and friend of other figures in English Romanticism. Lamb attempted work in the fields of drama and poetry, but was most successful in the personal essay.

**Dr. Johnson**: Samuel Johnson, 1709-1784. English lexicographer, essayist, poet and moralist, the major literary figure in the second half of the eighteenth century.

**Fleet Street**: Fleet Street is a famous London street, traditionally the home of the national press. Despite the fact that all the major newspapers have now moved out of their Fleet Street offices (most to the Docklands), the street's name continues to be used as a synonym for the British press. The last major news office, Reuters left in 2003. The street is named after the River Fleet which it once bridged. (Today the river flows underground.)

**foolscap**: a piece of writing paper, of a size formerly standard in Great Britain

**Knight Templars**: a knight of a religious military order established in the early 12th century in Jerusalem for the protection of pilgrims and the Holy Sepulcher. Allegedly fought alongside King Richard I in the Crusades; also recently appeared in *the DiVinci Code*, known for being all-powerful and having complicated secret ceremonies. Are supposed to be extinct.

**pung**: a sleigh with a box-shaped body.

**Tartarus**: In Roman mythology, the name for the underworld. From Edith Hamilton’s *Mythology*: “Virgil…is the only poet who gives clearly the geography of the underworld. The path down to it leads to where Acheron, the river of woe, pours into Cocytus, the river of lamentation. An aged boatman named Charon ferries the souls of the dead across the water to the farther bank, where stands the adamantine gate to Tartarus.”

**The Strand**: Strand is a famous road in London, linking Trafalgar Square to Fleet Street and the City of London. The street is popularly referred to as The Strand although the street address is actually just Strand, hence, strictly speaking, "366 Strand" and not "366, The Strand". It follows the curve of the River Thames and ends at Temple Bar (the boundary of the City of London).