



A young mathematician was visiting the university of Chicago and was unfamiliar as yet with the local ways of communication. Walter Baily came up and introduced himself with the brief words, “Walter Baily” to which the visitor replied, “no ! no! I am so-and-so.” After Baily smiled and left him, the visitor caught hold of someone nearby and, pointing towards Baily, asked “could you tell me who that is?” On being told that the person was Walter Baily, the visitor quipped, “but he thought I was Walter Baily!”

