

SCHOTT'S WORLD TRAVELLER MISCELLANY

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JOHNSON ON SIGHTSEEING

James Boswell

“Is not the Giant’s Causeway worth seeing?”

Samuel Johnson

“Worth seeing? Yes; but not worth going to see.”

THE WOMBLES

It is problematic to finalise a complete taxonomy of Wombles – the obsessive tidiers of Wimbledon Common. Below are the most notable Wombles, with a note on the geographical names selected for them by their creator Elisabeth (Liza) Beresford.

Great Uncle Bulgaria *a country in the Balkan peninsula*
Madame Cholet. . . *western French city east-southeast of Nantes*
Orinoco..... *river of Venezuela, c.1,600 miles long*
Tobermory *fishing port on the coast of the Mull*
Tomsk..... *capital city of Tomsk region, Siberian Russia*
Wellington..... *capital of New Zealand*
Alderney *third largest of the Channel Islands*
Cairngorm MacWomble ... *range of the Grampian Mountains*
Cousin Botany *an inlet of the Tasman Sea*
Cousin Yellowstone.... *USA’s oldest and largest national park*
Livingstone ... *chief town of the Southern Province of Zambia*
Miss Adelaide *capital of South Australia*
Moosonee.. *Canadian village on Moose River near James Bay*
Shansi..... *a province of north-east China*
Stepney..... *district in the London borough of Tower Hamlets*



ON COMFORT IN TRAVEL

*There is a certain relief in change, even though it be
from bad to worse; as I have found in travelling in a
stage-coach, that it is often a comfort to shift
one’s position and be bruised in a new place.*

— Washington Irving, *Tales of a Traveller*, 1824