NICKNAMES OF THE UNITED STATES

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All of these United States have nicknames, some affectionate and some at least originally derogatory. The Old Dominion (Virginia) is the oldest, and The Lone Star State (Texas) perhaps the best-known. See if you can match the state name to each of these nicknames and, while you are at it, see if you can invent better nicknames for some of them, as well as for the inhabitants of some of the states (Hoosier is a well-known example, and Georgia's Cracker another). Be warned that some states appear more than once in the following quiz. Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

1. Gem State
2. Show-Me State
3. Empire State
4. Bonanza State
5. Bugeater State
6. Sagebrush State
7. Flickertail State
8. Buzzard State
9. Blue Hen State
10. Granite State
11. Buckeye State
12. Mother of Presidents
13. Sooner State
14. Hard-Case State
15. Coyote State
16. Hog and Hominy State
17. Land of the Saints
18. Badger State
19. Gopher State
20. Mudcat State
21. Lead State
22. Pelican State
23. Old Dirigo
24. Wolverine State
25. Corncracker State
26. Jayhawker State
27. Garden State
28. Hawkeye State
29. Golden State
30. Hot Water State

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