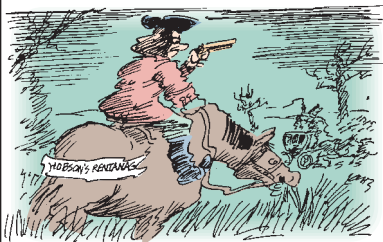


# Hobson's choice



***Hobson's choice*** means no choice at all. In the 17th century, Hobson was a carrier of goods and packages in Cambridge. He also hired out horses – but only allowed customers the horse nearest the stable door, so they had that or nothing. Despite this, Hobson was a valued citizen who helped give Cambridge a much-needed clean water supply in 1606 and is still remembered in the city with a street, fountain and stream named after him