

that when I hear Latin pronounced in a certain way I may be amongst scholars, but I am certainly not amongst common law lawyers. We have *habeas corpus*, *nisi prius*, *feri facias*, *venire facias*—*mandamus* indeed is corrupted into *man-damn-us*, which affords the lady lawyer some excuse for still further corrupting it into *woman-condemn-us*.

Then we have counsel trying to catch the wily witness, laying traps here and there, with straight questions and crooked questions, double questions and leading questions; and the wily witness evading, parrying, getting around the queries. We have counsel thundering that the world will come to an end and justice fly from earth if his unfortunate client does not get what he asks, or escapes what the other fellow asks that he shall get. He coaxes and persuades, he almost swears, and does shed tears, crocodile or otherwise. He brings to bear all the weight of eloquence and ingenuity to persuade the jury that his side is the right one. Citizens who until to-day were respectable, and respected, are, if anything, two or three shades worse than Judas Iscariot; while his man, confidence man or other description of rascal, shines by comparison with the Beloved Apostle. He brings the whole weight of his learning, reputation, character, and personality to bear upon the unfortunate judge. Sometimes the judge is persuaded against his will. Sometimes counsel fares like the fellow who tried hypnotism on the butcher. He said, "I tried hypnotism on our butcher to-day." He was asked what luck he had. He answered, "Not much. I looked him straight in the eye and said, 'That-bill-is-paid'." "And what did he do?" "He looked me straight in the eye and said, 'You-are-a-darn-liar'." Sometimes the judge is persuaded, overborne, and convinced against his will, and sometimes, on the other hand, he says, "You are a blank liar."

It is perfectly marvelous to a Canadian, a Britisher, to see what splendid judges you get by a system so repugnant to our public sentiment. They generally are men of great learning, sterling character, and of no little personal dignity. The American judge is noted for his strong sense of justice and right. You have a right to be proud of your judges. Although his term may be near expiring, and although a decision may lose him a re-nomination, or if he succeed in being renominated, may lose him