

There is much to be said in commendation of the proverbial exhortation "be always correct to a t," of which we are reminded by a recent incident. It was declared in the document embodying a condition in a contract that the same should be construed "literally in favour of its continuance." This contract and the word above quoted were confirmed by Act of Parliament. The circumstances surrounding the case and internal evidence seemed to indicate that a clerical error lurked in the sentence quoted, and that the word "literally" should have been written "liberally." The mistake proved to be an expensive one. Of all of which stenographers may well take due notice.

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*Punch* deals with automobile fiends in an article under the heading: "Should motorists be shot?" The inspiration came from the enquiry made last month by the Marquis of Queensberry of the West London Police Magistrate, as the result of two narrow escapes within ten days. He asked leave to carry a revolver to protect himself from these manslaughterers. If the Marquis were in this country he would appear to have much more reason for reverting to the primal law of self-preservation. We not only have countless narrow escapes, but occasionally these "road-hogs" kill some one, as was done in Toronto recently, whose the fault we know not. Of course the dead man was only a poor printer and so it did not make much matter. If it had been the mayor or an alderman or the chief of police, or even a millionaire who was killed, it would have created some excitement, and perhaps induced someone to do something. On the whole *Punch* deprecates the suggestion of citizens carrying pistols to abate the nuisance: "The inhabitants of West Kensington are not all adept shots at the 'running deer,' which in this instance takes the form of a scorching road-hog." . . . "It would also be unsportsmanlike to take pot shots at motorists sitting, in the case of a break down, unless recognized as dangerous specimens of *ferre natura*." There is something to be said in favour of the danger of the promiscuous shooting of these "road-hogs," but there seems to be no better suggestion as yet than that of the Marquis. A few of these animals treated to a dose of cold lead and carried home on a shutter would in time be found to have a curative effect.