

for nearly half an hour, none of which had any connection with the case whatever, but was looked upon by the *pious* ones as of the greatest importance in securing Tom's condemnation. After the great Mufti had delivered himself of these slanders, he then proceeded to show that Tom had no right to charge him with manufacturing and telling off crackers, and repeated what he had said at the Quadrantal Synod against Tom: "That while Tom was living in that foreign country, his conduct was such that he had kept the Moslem society there in a continual state of agitation and strife—for that he had received this information from a local preacher of Moslemism, who was some months before in the country of the Embrio City, in company with Tom, and who had called upon him, in company with Tom, at the time above mentioned. That Tom left the divinity sanctum about an hour before the local Mufti did, and that while the local Mufti was with him in the absence of Tom, he had told him (the great Mufti) all these things about Tom," as above stated.

Tom, of course, contradicted the great Mufti, declaring that his statement was not true, for that he and the said local Mufti left the divinity sanctum together, and went direct from there to the office of Mr. Stubborn, who was preparing some writing for him; that he and the local Mufti were not separated from each other's company at all during the entire time they were in the Embrio City; that it was impossible for the local Mufti to have said such things to the great Mufti without its being said in his presence; that the local Mufti and he were particular personal friends, and were travelling together as such, and at his request; not only so, but he was an honest, truthful and pious man, and a person altogether incapable of such conduct. In proof of his assertions he laid upon the table the affidavit and letter above mentioned, stating to the chairman what their contents were, and desired him to read the papers. The chairman refused to read the papers or to accept them as evidence. Tom stated that if time had been given him, he should have produced the person of the local Mufti, and would have proved by him the untruthfulness of the local Mufti's statements. Whereupon the most *pious* Crabsnarl vociferated that if fifty men should come forward and prove the same thing that the letter and affidavit contained, he would not believe them; that he would believe the statement made by the great Mufti in preference to any number of persons. The Mufti reasserted his statement, and in the most positive and solemn manner, appealed to God in confirmation of what he had said, declaring that if it was the last words he had to speak, he could say, with the greatest assurance in the presence of God, that what he had stated was true; for that the local Mufti did positively stop at the divinity sanctum about an hour after Tom had left, and had made the remarks about Tom which he had stated.

Old Father Stubborn was called upon by Tom to testify what he knew about the matter; but he had not spoken a half dozen words before he was grossly insulted by the *pious* Crabsnarl. The chairman then rose and said that Father Stubborn was a respectable man, and he would not allow of such insolence to him by any one. Stubborn then went on with his testimony and proved that the slanders which the Mufti had uttered against Tom were altogether untrue. Just here the Mufti asked Stubborn if he thought he had invented the slanders. Stubborn said no, for the same falsehoods had been in circulation before the Mufti came to his charge, and as they had nothing to do with the matter before the committee, he (the Mufti) ought not to have reiterated the slanders there. Stubborn then referred to the statement made by the Mufti, and proved that Tom and his friend, the local Mufti, were, by an arrangement made the Saturday previous to their call at the divinity sanctum, to be at his office that forenoon to execute a nullification of a power of attorney by Tom; that some time in the forenoon, not far from 10½ or 11 o'clock, Tom and the local Mufti came together to his office, and stated, in answer, to his enquiry, that they had just come direct from the divinity establishment, and referred to some conversation they had with the Mufti. Here the *pious* Crabsnarl discovered that the weight of testimony was against the Mufti, and in strict accordance with his *chaste* mind, and disposition, and habits, again insulted Stubborn, and was checked for it by the chairman. Stubborn would not lower himself to pay any attention to Crabsnarl, or to what he said. Judge Simple was acting the Recorder at this great trial, and he, too, seeing the nature of the evidence Stubborn was giving,