

*THE CHIEF REQUISITE FOR SUCCESS AT THE BAR.*

In an address on the above subject, delivered at a recent banquet of the Illinois State Bar Association, by Hon. George R. Peck, the speaker observed :

"If success at the bar were to be measured by me some one worthier should have answered this toast. I suppose the toast means success in getting cases and winning them. But what is the chief requisite in getting cases? Is it learning? Undoubtedly learning is necessary, but it is not the chief requisite. We have all seen too many melancholy examples of learned lawyers who have not been successful. Is it industry? We are told persistent efforts and constant labor will accomplish many things, but they are not the chief requisites in law. Is it eloquence? Eloquence may win over a jury, though the verdict is set aside by the judge a moment later. It may go into a national convention and take away the presidential nomination from gray-haired men who have grown old in the country's service. The chief requisite for success at the bar is judgment and common sense—the harmony of all the faculties which makes the vision true. Judgment and common sense have made all the success achieved at the bar."

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*SHOOTING OF ESCAPING CONVICTS.*

The shooting on Dartmoor of the convict Carter while attempting to make his escape raised the serious question whether the warder was justified in shooting the prisoner, and we are not at all sure that in the interests of prison discipline and public right the whole circumstances should not be re-examined before a Court of assize, notwithstanding the verdict of the coroner's jury, so that a full inquiry may be had into the present system of control over convicts who are working outside their prison walls. The answer to the question turns on the general law, and on the particular instructions of the Home Office as to the duties of warders. Certain instructions issued prior to 1852, and a revised version of that year, were cited to the coroner as justifying the act of the warder. We have vainly endeavoured to obtain a copy of these instructions, and to find any statutory authority for their issue; and they appear to be mere regulations for the conduct and discipline of prisons, and not to have