

Judge Gaynor related a little anecdote while lying at the hospital, after the dastardly attempt on his life, which proved that the mayor was cognizant of certain evils and not at all adverse to giving them publicity.

"I knew a man over my way," said the judge with a smile, "who had formerly been a bartender. Going into politics he was elected a police justice. With some dread he heard his first case. Mary McMannis was up before him for drunkenness. The ex-bartender looked at her for a moment, and then said, sternly:—

"Well, what are you here for?"

"If yer please, yer Honour," said Mary, "the copper beyant pulled me in, sayin' I was drunk. An' I doan't drink, yer Honour; I doan't drink."

"All right, said the justice, absent-mindedly, "all right; have a cigar."

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Many suggestions have from time to time been made for the improvement of our present system of trial by jury. A proposal has been put forth that after hearing the evidence and the judge's summing up, each juror shall, without consultation with any of his fellow jurors, write his verdict on a slip of paper. There is food for thought in this proposal. The strong-minded, pig-headed, blatant juror often affects the opinions of his fellow jurors. Moreover, many dispositions unknowingly lean to the views of a majority. The objection to the suggestion seems to us to be the risk of more trials being abortive owing to the disagreement of the jury. Such a system would, we think, involve the verdict of the majority being accepted.—*Law Notes.*

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In the admission of women as lawyers the States lead. Mrs. Judith Foster, the well-known American woman lawyer and Republican campaign orator, was admitted to the Iowa Bar as long ago as 1872. Mrs. Myra Bradwell, who was refused admission to the Bar in Illinois before the law was passed making women eligible, founded a law newspaper, and was in partnership with her husband. Their daughter is now chairman of the Legal News Publishing Company. Among the official positions held at the present time by women lawyers in America are Assistant Attorney-General of the Philippine Islands, Examiner in Chancery to the United States Supreme Court, and assistant counsel to the