

Lord Clare one day brought a Newfoundland dog upon the bench, and began to caress the animal, while Curran was addressing the court. Of course the latter stopped.

"Go on, go on, Mr. Curran," said his lordship.

"Oh, I beg ten thousand pardons, my lord," returned the advocate; I really thought your lordship was employed in consultation."

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THE prosecuting attorney had been particularly obnoxious to the witness. He had fiendishly pined over her life until desperation had quickened her feminine instinct.

"You are the wife of the prisoner, are you not?"

"I am."

"You knew he was a criminal when he married you?"

"Not on that account, sir."

"But you knew he was a professional burglar?"

"I did."

"Then why did you marry him?"

"Well, sir, I presume it's important that you should know why I married this man, even though there may be no reasonable ground for that presumption. I'll tell you! It was in the evening of my spinsterhood; nothing had appeared on the horizon of my life in years, not even a man of your mental splendor. Hope had starved on the wastes of celibacy. Finally this man came along, and with him a lawyer. I had to choose. Well, I did just what any respectable woman would have done."

"I am too much of a gentleman, sir, to tell you what I think of you here," exclaimed the irate politician, "but if ever I catch you at Ottawa I'll call you a liar, sir—a liar and a thief."

TORONTO MAN (to visitor)—"Well, what do you think of our city?"

Visitor—"Very nice town, indeed."

"What do you think of our trolley cars?"

"Oh, they're just killin'."

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