

through a friend of his, an usher, obtain him admission to the Court. This offer the traveller accepted, and he was duly admitted to the court, which he entered just at the moment when the judge was asking the prisoner if he had anything further to urge in his defence. The prisoner, in response, further asserted his innocence, and declared he was miles away from the scene of the assault at the time it occurred. "But," argued the judge, "you have no proof of it." Then suddenly the prisoner pointed to the new-comer and exclaimed, "Yes, he can prove it! I was with him on the day, and helped to carry his portmanteau on to a vessel at Dover. The portmanteau came open and a toothbrush fell out, which I put back, after he'd wiped it. Ask him—he can prove it!" The judge questioned the stranger, who said he could not remember, but that he kept a very exhaustive diary, which was at the inn where he was staying, and which no doubt would help them. Accordingly, an officer of the court was dispatched to the inn, and brought back the diary, wherein, on the date mentioned, that of the assault, was an entry containing all the particulars as given by the prisoner. Upon this the latter was acquitted. Subsequently both men were hanged for sheep-stealing. It was a put-up job, and the stranger was a confederate. — *Walter Frith.*

Another good story which Huddleston told me also concerned a charge of robbery with violence. The case for the prosecution rested mainly on the discovery of a "bowler" hat on the scene of the assault, which fitted the prisoner, and which the prosecution asserted belonged to him and proved the crime. But the defence argued that the hat was one in general use and might belong to any number of men, and that such evidence was too unreliable on which to commit a man of so serious an offence. The jury felt over-burdened with their responsibility and acquitted the prisoner. As the latter was leaving the dock he turned to the judge and said: "My lord, can I 'ave my 'at?" — *Walter Frith.*

UNITED STATES DECISIONS.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.—Property purchased by a man in the name of his wife, with proceeds from a business which he is conducting as her agent, the success of which is due largely, if not wholly, to his supervision and industry, is held in *Blackburn v. Thompson W. & Co.* (Ky.) 56 L.R.A. 938, to be subject to his debts.

MASTER AND SERVANT.—An engineer operating a blowoff cock designed to clean the boiler, for the purpose of frightening children, is held, in *Alsever v. Minneapolis & St. L. R. Co.* (Iowa) 56 L.R.A. 748, not to depart from his employment so as to relieve his employer from liability for injuries caused by his act.