



CROSS-EXAMINED.

SKILL in examination is perhaps one of the most important qualifications of the attorney, and in considering the big retainers of the present day the mind runs back to an exhibition of skill in an Ohio county court several years ago. The case was a murder, and a cross-roads lawyer was retained for his reputed skill in criminal cases. On cross-examination he went to the witness after this manner:

"Now (ahem!), Mr. Tompkins, you say you saw the defendant kill the man?"
"Yes, sir."
"Yes—well—how did you know it was the defendant?"
"Because I saw him."
"But, sir, how did you know it was him?"
"I have known him for thirty years."
"You have?"
"Yes."
"Known him all that time?"
"Yes."
"You state it under oath?"
"Yes."
"How did he kill him?"
"He shot him with a revolver."
"How do you know?"
"I saw him."
"Did you see the revolver?"
"Certainly."
"Did you see it revolve?"
"No, sir."
"Aha! How do you know it was a revolver?"
"It looked like one."
"Um-huh! Did you see him pull the trigger?"
"No, of course not."
"Ah! Then you admit he didn't pull the trigger?"
"I saw the blaze and smoke."
"Did you see any bullet in the blaze and smoke? Would the blaze and smoke have caused death?"
"Of course not."
"Then what danger was there in firing?"
"The bullet was found in the victim's head."
"Did you see any bullet strike the deceased?"
"Of course not."
The attorney solemnly arose and addressed the court. "If your Honor please, we would like to introduce testimony in impeachment. Here is a man who swears that he saw one man kill another with a revolver, yet he neither saw the bullet leave the pistol nor strike the victim. He didn't even see the man pull the trigger."
"Are you addressing the court?" asked the Judge.
"Why, certainly, if you Honor please."
"How do you know?"
"Why, your Honor certainly hears me."
"Yes, but you neither see your words leave your mouth nor strike the court's ears."
The attorney sat down.



THE MARCH OF CIVILIZATION.

EXPLORER—This is a historical moment! We have reached a spot where no civilized being has ever before penetrated! Let us rest in the shade of yonder rock.

The ancestor of every action is a thought. There is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.

To-day's work well done will make to-morrow's easier.

An error is the more dangerous in proportion to the degree of truth which it contains.

The dower to do great things generally arises from the willingness to do small things.

Not to do honor to old age is to demolish in the morning the house wherein we are to sleep at night.

Evil habits soil a full dress more than mud; good manners, by their deeds, easily set off a lowly garb.

There is no readier way of bringing your own worth into question than by detracting from the worth of others.

Nothing is half so medicinal for our troubles as benevolent sympathy and occupation in the troubles of others.

Falsehoods may be stated under impression that they are truths; but lying is characterized by the intention to deceive.

To reprove small faults with undue vehemence is as absurd as if a man should take a great hammer because he saw a fly on his friend's forehead.

Never hold any one by the button or the hand in order to be heard out; for, if people are unwilling to hear you, it is better to hold your tongue than them.

A smile, to be worthy of the name, must come from the heart. It is the result of an honest willingness and readiness to be pleased with little as well as great things.

The temper of disbelief or denial is perilous, because it closes the mind to the entrance of truth. It is not need say to put out the sun; shut your eyes and you will be in darkness.

The mosquito bill is one of the measures which goes into effect immediately after its passage.

A man will do nearly anything you want him to do until he finds out you want him to do it.

Dude son—"Ho, hum; I guess I'll go into the law." Practical Father—"You might as well, for there is nothing under heaven that will make the law go into you."

Detroit—"See that man passing there? Well, sir, there goes a lawyer, an honest man and a good citizen." Cynical Stranger—"I see the lawyer, but where in creation are the other two fellows?"

A small girl recently handed in a real gem in the shape of a definition of the difference between a fort and a fortress. The former, she explained, was a "strong place where they put men in," and the latter was a "similar place where they put women in."

Willie and Johnny set up a lemonade stand the other day, says an exchange, and a gentleman was the first patron. Willie's sign read: "Four cents a glass," Johnny's modest announcement was: "Two cents a glass." Being a man with an eye to the fact that a "penny saved is a penny earned," the customer bought a glass of Johnny's lemonade, paid the two cents due, and casually enquired: "Why is yours cheaper than your brother's?" "Cos mine is the lemonade that the puppy fell into."

The largest part of most people is the wish bone.

Nothing will do more to put wrinkles in your face than to worry about things you can't help.

No man can paint a sign on a fence in such a way that a boy cannot change it to read something else.

Mama—"Why don't you play with that clock-work elephant Santa Claus brought you?" Little Dick—"It doesn't scare the cat any more."

Between levity and cheerfulness there is a wide distinction; and the mind which is most open to levity is frequently a stranger to cheerfulness.



EXPLORER—Sold again!

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"What's that?"
"I'll take care of the reading, writing and spelling, but you've got to look out for the honesty if I get a raise of wages."

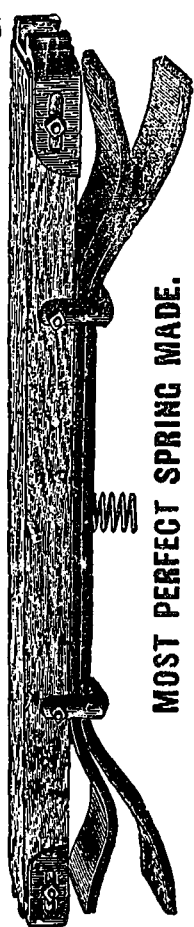


AN IMPROVEMENT.

TOURIST (in old German castle)—You needn't go over the story of the tragedy; I know it well. But what makes you charge double what you did when I was here two years ago?
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