



## HUMOR

### OVERSHREWD LAWYERS.

Who Were Defeated by Witnesses Through Their Own Weapons.

Overshrewd lawyers often furnish their adversaries with weapons. "Did you see this tree that has been mentioned by the roadside?" an advocate inquired.

"Yes, sir; I saw it very plainly." "It was conspicuous, then?" "The witness seemed puzzled by the new word. He repeated his former assertion."

"What is the difference," sneered the lawyer, "between plain and conspicuous?"

But he was hoist with his own petard. The witness innocently answered: "I can see you plainly, sir, among the other lawyers, though you are not a bit conspicuous."

In another instance a blow directed against the character of a witness forcibly recoiled.

"You were in the company of these people?" he was asked.

"Of two friends, sir."

"Friends! Two thieves, I suppose you mean."

"That may be so," was the dry retort. "They are both lawyers."

The blow that destroys the effect of an adverse examination is occasionally more the result of accident than of conscious effort. In a trial not long ago a very simple witness was in the box and after going through his ordeal was ready to retire. One question remained:

"Now, Mr. —, has not an attempt been made to induce you to tell the court a different story?"

"A different story to what I have told, sir?"

"Yes. Is it not so?"

"Yes, sir."

"Upon your oath I demand to know who the persons are who have attempted this."

"Well, sir, you've tried as hard as any of 'em," was the unexpected answer.

It ended the examination.—Rochester Herald.

**Trying to Make Amends.**

Being unable to find a seat in the crowded car, the portly dame had gone into the smoking car and sat down near the door.

The man sitting next to her, absorbed in his newspaper, kept on smoking.

"I was foolish enough to suppose," she said, glowering at him, "that some of the men in here at least were gentlemen."

"Pardon me, madam," he answered, politely offering her his cigar case.—Chicago Tribune.

**Playing Safety.**

Police Magistrate—Thirty days at the work for you.

Prisoner—Faith an' that do be purty tough. P'wat would yer say if Oi wuz t' call yer an old fool?

Police Magistrate—I'd add ten days to your sentence.

Prisoner—Begorry, thin Oi'll not say it. Oi'll only think it.—Detroit Tribune.

**Need Watchdog.**

Dr. Price—Yes, I need a vacation badly, but I can't take it just now. Many of my patients are in such condition that I can't afford to leave them. They need constant nursing.

Wise—Ah, yes! Foxy people, aren't they? If you quit nursing them they get well the first thing you know, eh?

Catholic Standard and Times.

**As to a Novelist.**

"Ah!" gasped the sweet young thing. "He is such a delightful writer. I wonder how he works?"

"Judging from the quality and quantity of his output," responded the sour old thing, "I should imagine that he writes with both hands and dictates with his mouth."—Washington Herald.

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**The Dog and The Shadow**

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### THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

The speaker of the house of commons, who does not otherwise vote or take part in a debate, has a casting vote in case of equality. On the other hand, in the house of lords the lord chancellor is not disqualified from taking part in a debate and voting, but he has no casting vote, and in case of equality the "noncontents" prevail.

**Peanuts.**

When buying peanuts remember that the longest ones are not the best. Those with three perfect meats. A shorter, plumper variety with two compartments holding two full sized meats is better. Select light colored shells.

**Onion Sandwiches Good.**

An onion sandwich is very appetizing, says a writer in Health. While onions do not agree with everybody, the trouble is generally due to eating them with other food. If just onions and bread and butter are eaten for one meal there will be no bad effect. Onions are healthful and in some cases tend to relieve insomnia and are said to be good for the complexion.

**Frank Coats.**

A German coin collector says that coins with misprints are highly prized by numismatists. One Saxon thaler of the year 1833, which has "theater" on it, is worth six times its intrinsic value owing to that error.

**Calabash Tobacco Pipes.**

Tobacco pipes made from calabash have come into general use in South Africa. The calabash colors like meerschaum and will take a high polish. It is said to give a special softness of flavor that pipes of no other material offer.

**The Oratory of Gallarus.**

The oldest Christian structure in Ireland is a remarkable building, evidently very ancient, but wonderfully well preserved, at Dingle, in County Kerry. It is known as "The Oratory of Gallarus" and has stood practically uninjured for more than a thousand years.

**Old Time Fencing.**

In sixteenth century fencing the sword was held in the right hand and a dagger in the left to ward off blows.

**Succeeded.**

Bacon—You say Grafton is a successful man?

Egbert—He certainly is. "But I understand his business methods are questionable. Why then call him a successful man?"

"Because he's kept out of jail so far."—Yonkers Statesman.

**Advice to Beginners.**

When you get your car always learn to do things yourself. Don't depend on your man. Show him how much you know so he won't try to fool you.—Tatler.

**Just the One.**

Gunner—I am going to try to sell my automobile.

Guy—To whom?

Gunner—Oh, some politician.

Guy—But why a politician?

Gunner—Because it is such a good mod thorough.—Chicago News.

**Queen Bee's Giant.**

Queen Elizabeth had a Flemish porter who was over eight feet high and of great strength, and he was an extremely good natured man. Whenever he met any one who was abnormally tall he used to patronize him in a friendly sort of way, and on one occasion when he met an Inn two soldiers who were over six feet in height he said, "Come under my arms, my little fellows." And, taking them up, he walked down the room with them under his arms as if they had been children, much to their disgust.

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"I thought so. Would you mind my getting out to see what it's fast for?"

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### THE FIRST DIRECTORY.

Quaint Olden Time New York Business and Social Addresses.

In the first directory of New York city, which was issued in 1786, there are some peculiar and quaint entries. For instance, in those days it was not uncommon for medical practitioners to sell drugs, as is shown by the following address, "Samuel Bredhurst, physician and apothecary, 64 Queen (now Pearl) street."

Clergymen of that period were exceedingly precise regarding their titles. Thus, "Abraham Beeche, reverend of the Church of England, 80 South street," and "John Phelan, clergyman of the Church of Rome, 1 Beekman street."

Leon Rogers, tailor, of 5 Broadway, was described as a "frockcoat maker." John Bean, 60 Broadway, as "surgeon and tooth puller." S. Crygier, 60 Cherry street, "punch and porter house." Jo Delaplaine of 122 Queen street, "Quaker speaker." D. Hittcock, 80 Queen street, "house carpenter and undertaker." John Hogland, 95 Queen street, "dialler, etc." Henry H. Kip, 25 King street, "inspector of pot and pearl shales." John Nitchie, 7 Garden street, "starch and hair powder maker." Samuel B. Webb, 29 Lower Dock street, "gentleman."

In those days, too, there were a great many "gentlemen" and a few "wash-women." All teachers were then addressed either as "schoolmasters" or "schoolmistresses." The retail dealers on Broadway and Wall and Queen streets called themselves "shopkeepers," the hotel men were "tavern keepers," and the policemen were "watchmen."

**THE COLD WATER ORDEAL.**

It was Once an Important Test of Guilt or Innocence.

The cold water ordeal was one of the most important tests of guilt or innocence a few hundred years ago. If the accused, soaked, he was guilty; if he sank, he was innocent. In the twelfth century some altar vessels were stolen from the cathedral of Leon, and the learned Anselm proposed that a child from each parish and then a child from each household should be put to the test and so on until the guilty one was found. The proposition raised a great outcry, and the people clamored that those who had easiest access to the church be the first to undergo the ordeal.

This looked reasonable enough. So the bishop ordered the six priests of the cathedral to prepare for the test. In the meanwhile Anselm thought to try the experiment himself as a preliminary test. So he was bound and placed in a tub of water. To his great satisfaction as well as discomfort he promptly sank. The day arrived and with it a immense crowd to see the trial. The first priest sank, the second floated, the third sank, the fourth floated, the fifth sank, and then Anselm himself—wonder of wonders—in spite of experiments and protested innocence floated around with the buoyancy of an air bubble. While he was serving his sentence in prison Anselm found time to write a learned treatise on the "Inexpediency of the Water Ordeal and Its Failure in Many Cases."

**New Zealand Mocking Birds.**

The Poe honey eater is one of the commonest and at the same time handsomest of the New Zealand birds. The neck is ornamented with a frill of curly feathers of a greenish color with white centers, and the throat is adorned with a tuft of white feathers, which has gained for it the popular name of "parson bird," an appellation appropriate not only because of this decoration, but because of the resemblance of its peculiar attitudes when singing to the gesticulations indulged in by exuberant lecturers when wishing to drive home their points. The bird is an excellent mimic and can be taught to repeat short sentences with extraordinary clearness and also to whistle short songs quite as well as a parrot.

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### A Bloodless Battle.

In 1518 a battle was fought near Milan, in Italy, and so perfect was the armor of both armies that, although the conflict raged from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., no one on either side was either killed or wounded, though one man broke his collar bone by falling off his horse.

**The Ten Hour Day.**

As early as 1847 a law was passed in New Hampshire making ten hours a legal day's work.

**First Use of the Bayonet.**

The bayonet was first made in Bayonne, in France; hence its name. It was first used by the French army in 1671. It was successfully employed by the French during the reign of William III. in an attack on the British Twenty-fifth regiment of foot.

**Newmarket led the Way.**

Race meetings are now almost numberless, and from England they have spread over Europe and wherever else the Anglo-Saxon has gone. The first great race meeting may be said to have been that held at Newmarket in 1640. In the reign of Charles I., who was a keen supporter of the sport.

**How a Naval Battle Was Lost.**

A naval battle between the Romans and Carthaginians off the coast of Spain in the first Punic war was lost by the latter because the galley slaves could not keep their seats when the ships rolled.

**The First Policemen.**

On Sept. 20, 1829, the good citizens of London saw troops of men dressed in dark blue tail coats, with top hats, parading the streets and maintaining order. They were the pioneer police force and have been dubbed "Bobbies" or "Peelers," from Sir Robert Peel, who inaugurated them.

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