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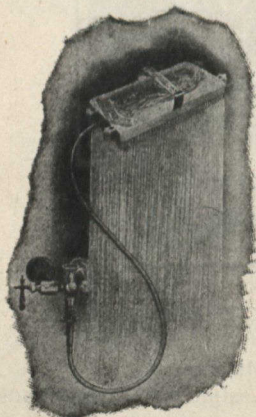
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By the Card

Sir Frederick Thesiger, afterwards Lord Chelmsford, being engaged in the conduct of a case, objected to the irregularity of a learned sergeant, who repeatedly put leading questions in examining his witnesses.

"I have a right," maintained the sergeant, doggedly, "to deal with my witnesses as I please."

"To that I offer no objection," retorted Sir Frederick; "you may deal as you like, but you shan't lead."

A Churchill Episode

Anecdotes concerning Mr. Winston Churchill are as thick just now as the season's greetings. The name of Captain Arthur Lee is familiar to many Canadians and Mr. Churchill is not altogether unknown to Canadian audiences, which he impressed — after a fashion.

The story goes that a few years ago the firebrand orator from the United States, Mr. Bourke Cockran, was visiting the British House of Commons as the guest of Mr. Churchill. They met Captain Lee in the course of their wanderings and Mr. Churchill called the former military attache at Washington, saying: "Don't you know my friend, Mr. Cockran?"

Lee curtly replied: "Yes. The last time I saw him he was welcoming the Boer delegates to Washington." Then the officer turned on his heel and walked away.

Anyone who knows the language used by Mr. Cockran in his public addresses to United States audiences during the war in South Africa can hardly wonder at a British officer for resenting an introduction to a man who had uttered slander concerning almost every British institution. Mr. Churchill, it is said, apologised for Captain Lee's discourtesy, and this affords matter for reflection, as Lord Randolph's sprightly offspring is not in the habit of apologising for even his own rudeness.

A Happy Toast

Hon. Joseph H. Choate is as celebrated as a post-prandial orator as he is in his legal capacity. At one of the dinners of the New England Society of New York he once proposed the following toast:

"Woman, the better half of the Yankee world—at whose tender summons even the stern Pilgrims were ever ready to spring to arms, and without whose aid they never could have achieved the historic title of the Pilgrim Fathers. The Pilgrim Mothers were more devoted martyrs than were the Pilgrim Fathers, because they not only had to bear the same hardships that the Pilgrim Fathers stood, but they had to bear with the Pilgrim Fathers themselves."

An Irish Judge

The late Lord Morris was a man whose wit gave him a reputation which extended beyond legal circles.

At Coleraine, while trying an action involving the poisoning of a horse, he was greatly amused at the pompous manner in which a doctor was giving his evidence to the effect that twelve grains of the poison in question could