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A WOMAN was brought before a police magistrate and asked her age. She replied, "Thirty-five." The magistrate—"I have heard you have given that same age in this Court for the last five years." The woman—"No doubt, your honor. I'm not one of those females to say one thing to-day and another to-morrow."

"WHAT is the charge against this man?" asked the police judge, as an old negro was arraigned at the bar. "Drunkenness," replied a policeman. "Old man, you took more than one drink, didn't you?" "Took fifty, sah." "You were not drugged?" "No, sah." "Do you think that the officer had a right to arrest you?" "Yas, sah." "Are you a preacher?" "No, sah." "Did you ever steal a shanghai rooster?" "Many a one, sah." "You don't claim to be honest?" "No, sah." "You have sold your vote, haven't you?" "Yas, an' fur a powerful little money." "Are you going to get drunk again?" "Yas, sah." "This is a very remarkable man," said the police judge. "Here, old fellow, is a \$10 bill. Such straightforwardness should be rewarded."—*Ex.*

ON behalf of James Bowen Barrett, solicitor, application was made before Mr. Justice Smith to release him from Holloway Gaol. A woman brought an action against a tramcar company for compensation for injuries, and Barrett was her solicitor. The jury could not agree, whereupon she brought another action, previously arranging with Barrett for half the damages, if she got a verdict, in addition to his costs. She obtained a verdict, with £250 damages. In accordance with the agreement, he retained half of these, besides taking his taxed costs. Thinking he had not suffered sufficient punishment, he applied for his release; but Mr. Justice Smith took a different view, and ordered him to be kept in prison till the 5th September. This is a caution to solicitors taking up cases on spec. It seems odd that it should so often be necessary to indicate that the law will not allow these bargains between solicitor and client. All a solicitor can claim is his bill of costs. *Pump Court.*

KING'S AND QUEEN'S COUNSEL IN ENGLAND.—

In the year 1785 there appears to have been only 21 King's Counsel, 7 King's serjeants and 7 serjeants-at-law. In the Law List of 1805 there were 25 King's Counsel, 4 King's serjeants and 12 serjeants-at-law, and Wm. Alexander and Samuel Romilly, both King's Counsel, are described as equity draftsmen also.

In the year 1810 there were 31 King's Counsel, 5 King's serjeants and 14 serjeants-at-law. Of the King's Counsel, Sir S. Romilly, Garrow, Alexander, Fonblanque, and Anthony Hart are described as equity draftsmen; Sir Vicary Gibbs and Thomas Jarvis as special pleaders; Francis Hargrave and Hy. Martin as conveyancers.

In the year 1820 there were 33 King's Counsel, and of these Wm. Horne is described as an equity draftsman. There were 5 King's serjeants and 17 serjeants-at-law.

In the year 1830 there were 40 King's Counsel, 5 King's serjeants and 22 serjeants-at-law. Of the King's Counsel, Fonblanque is still described as an equity draftsman, as also is Tinney.

In the year 1840 there were 63 Queen's Counsel, 2 Queen's serjeants and 22 serjeants-at-law. C. T. Swanston, Q.C., is described as equity draftsman; and R. T. Kindersley, Q.C., as equity draftsman and conveyancer.

In the year 1850 there were 71 Queen's Counsel and 27 serjeants-at-law; in 1860, 114 Queen's Counsel, 1 Queen's serjeant and 30 serjeants-at-law; in 1870, 171 Queen's Counsel; in 1880, 173 Queen's Counsel. In the present year the number of Queen's Counsel is but little short of 200, and there are 11 serjeants-at-law.