

"He merely said, careless like, 'I am glad you liked it; when I am excited I can speak well enough, I suppose; but when not, I can acquit myself as poorly as anybody.'

"'Exactly,' said I, 'that's what the great Daniel Webster once said to me. Squire, said I, once arter he had made one of his almighty speeches to the Supreme Court to Washington, Squire, said I, 'that was splendid! I felt prouder of New England,' said I, 'this blessed day, than ever I felt afore since I was raised.'

"'Well, I reckon it warn't bad,' said he, 'that's a fact. Truth is, as you arn't a lawyer, I'll tell you the secret of my success at the bar. I require a good swinging fee, and won't work without it. I won't look at a client's face till I see his hand. When that affair is settled to my satisfaction, then I'll hear his story. *A good horse that works hard, requires a large measure of corn.* When I have got my feed, I make myself master of the subject in all its bearings, *pro and con*, and then go at in rale right down airnest. Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well. But, Sam, it aint no easy matter arguin' law before them are old judges. It must be all to the point, clear, logical, connected, and ably supported by well-selected cases. You mustn't wander away, and you mustnt declaim; if you do, their attention is off, the public see it, and you are up a tree. Now that's not the case in Congress; the less you speak to the point there, the better, and the less you are trammelled and hampered in life arterwards. A few forcible passages throwed in for people to get hy heart, and admire as scraps of eloquence, a strong patriotic flourish now and then about keepin' all the nations of the airth in order, and so on, a flash or two to light up the dulness, and a peal of thunder to eend with, is all that's wanted. But ctempore preaching is the easiest kind of all speakin'. Preachers have so many sermons in their head, upon all sorts of subjects, that if they lose the thread of their discourse, they can catch that of another old sarmon on some other text, tie it on to it, and go on, and nobody is ny the wiser, for they have it all their own way, and there is no me to follow them and tell them of it, as in Court and Congress. They have got the close, as we say in law, all to themselves. But, Sam,' said he, and he looked all round to see no one heerd him, 'I am agoin' to win that case.'

"'How are you satisfied of that?' said I, 'seein' that the judges never said a word.'

"'Well,' said he, 'come in here to the hotel and let's liquor, for I am nation dry. I have let so much steam off, the biler wants replenishin'.'

"'Well, arter he had swallowed the matter of a pint of champagne, said he, 'I'll tell you. I believe,' said he, 'there is a road to every created critter, if you could only find it out.'

"'I am sartain of it,' said I, 'for I have studied human natur'