

You say that I don't play according to the rules, that by my own confession I break the rules when I drink or gamble. The point is well taken Madam, score one point for the lady. Now I answer that I do not believe that the law against gambling is the will of a majority of the people, I do not believe that a majority of the people care very much whether I play penny ante or auction forty fives for half a cent a point or not. I do not believe that you can find any jury and very few judges who would punish me very severely for those offenses. But, you ask, if it is not the will of the people, how did it become a law? Want to know? Well, I will tell you. A lot of aggressive old ladies and interfering old men kept bothering the members of Parliament to pass these laws assuring them that the country was going to the dogs from auction forty fives and penny ante. The people who usually play and enjoy these games were busy working at some useful employment, so forty fives and penny ante had no champion to defend them; the members of Parliament finding no opposition to the proposed legislation passed the law to get rid of the old ladies and so poor forty fives and penny ante were condemned. See aunty, thats how it happened.

Now I will tell you something else. If you want to know what particular laws are the will of the people or a majority of the people, watch and see which laws the people will defend and protect. If I stab or shoot a man on the street, every other man will cry murder and chase me, catch me, and hand me over to the Police. If I strike a child or insult a woman, or steal a man's purse they would all want to expose me and have me punished. Those are laws the people will protect and help to enforce and they will do it without pay or reward and feel that they have only done their duty. But if