

organized that when you went to catch them they turned round in the bed and barked at you? This poor witness was so overcome by my learned friend's skill and audacity that he answered, 'I believe they did.'

COULDN'T DRINK OR LIE.

For the benefit of our P. M., when any of the old toppers of Toronto are arraigned before his august personage, we clip the following from the *Detroit Free Press*, in order that His Worship should not place reliance on the word of those addicted to frequent imbibing. Scene—"Detroit Police Court."

Julius Murray belongs to the mercantile profession, he says. That is, he goes in the country and trades currency for hens, ducks, and geese, and returns and trades them for currency. He was ugly drunk the other night, and admits it, but he solemnly assures the court that nothing on earth can induce him to touch another drop if he is let off this time.

"I should hate to believe that you would tell me a lie," remarked his honor.

"Oh! I wouldn't—I couldn't do it!" replied the prisoner.

"If you are ever asked to drink again you will promptly refuse?"

"I will."

"And you will discourage others from drinking?"

"I will."

"And you won't keep a jug in the house?"

"No—never."

"And you won't be seen here again?"

"Hope to die if I will."

"Well, Mr. Murray, in such a case as this, where the prisoner exhibits a desire to reform, I never fine 'em over \$5. If you haven't got that sum you will have to put in thirty days instead."

On his way to the Black Maria, Mr. Murray said he wouldn't reform, nohow, and that when he got out his mouth would be a grand river, down which whiskey should pour like an Alpine torrent.

Sawdust and Chips.

A reporter on an Iowa paper wrote: "Yesterday morning, Winter and Spring kissed each other in the sunrise, and each spread its choicest favor on the purple air." He was married next day.

A musician, George Sharp, had his name on his door plate thus: "G. Sharp." A wag of a printer, who knew something of music, early one morning made the following undeniable and significant addition: "Is A flat."

A schoolmaster asked one of his boys, on a sharp, wintry morning what was the Latin for cold. The boy hesitated a little. "What?" said the teacher, "cannot you tell?" "Yes, yes," replied the boy; "I have it at my finger ends."

At a party, while a young lady was playing with peculiar brilliancy of touch, a bystander bachelored exclaimed, "I'd give the world for those fingers!" "Perhaps you might get the whole hand by asking for it," exclaimed the young lady's observant mother.

"If you don't see what you want ask for it," he posted up in a conspicuous place in a Toronto grocery. A native stepped into the establishment last week. He saw the card and remarked: "I want a ten dollar bill, and I don't see it." "Neither do I," was the laconic reply.

Said Lord John Russell to Humo, at a social dinner, "What do you consider the object of legislation?" "The greatest good to the greatest number." "What do you consider the greatest number?" continued his lordship. "Number one, my lord," was the Commoner's prompt reply.

A Coroner's jury, empanelled to ascertain the cause of the death of a notorious drunkard, brought in a verdict of "Death by hanging—around a tavern." In California, a coroner's jury, under similar circumstances rendered a more courteous verdict—"Accidental death while unpacking a glass."

"Where are you going?" said a young gentleman to an elderly one in a cravat, whom he overtook a short distance from town. "I am going to heaven, my son. I have been on the way eighteen years." "Well, good-bye old fellow, if you have been travelling towards heaven eighteen years and got no nearer than Winnipeg, I reckon I'll steer for the Saskatchewan."

Josh Billings gives a remarkably just definition of a country newspaper editor: "An editor is a male being whose business is to navigate a raze paper. He writes editorials, grinds out poetry, inserts deaths and weddings, sorts out manuscripts, keeps a waste basket, blows up the 'devil,' steals matter, fites; out other people's battles, sell his paper for a dollar and fifty cents a year, takes white beans and apple-sues for pay when he can get it, raises a large family, works nineteen hours out of the twenty-four, knows no Sunday, gets 'cussed' by everybody, and once in a while whips by somebody, lives poor, dies middle-aged and often broken-hearted, leaves no more, and is rewarded for a life of toil with a short and free obituary puff in the newspaper."

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