

TIT FOR TAT.—On one occasion Mr. Justice Manisty was on circuit at Exeter for the assizes. One morning he left his lodgings early for a stroll; and, finding that he had plenty of time on his hands before the court assembled, he turned into a hair-dresser's shop for the purpose of getting shaved and generally trimmed up. Customers being scarce at that early hour, there was only one assistant present in the place.

When the judge entered the man jumped up with alacrity, and bowed him into the operating chair with all a barber's suave politeness. Having lathered his distinguished customer's face, and stropped his razor with more than ordinary vigour, he commenced to attack the judicial stubble. But he hadn't gone far in his work before he suddenly paused, with one hand on the judge's nose and the other waving the razor painfully near Sir Henry's throat.

"Blessed if I don't think," said the barber, "that you're the old cove what gave me five years at Winchester."

The judge's feelings may be better imagined than described, but he merely replied, with what coolness he could summon to his aid:

"I don't know, my good fellow. I have a bad memory for faces."

However, the man went on shaving, and Mr. Justice Manisty congratulated himself that the ex-convict didn't bear malice. This easiness of mind came a little too soon. After the shave the judge, with characteristic determination, decided to carry out his original programme, and have his hair cut as well. To his horror the barber had no sooner exchanged the razor for his scissors than his locks began to fall in a perfect shower on the floor.

"Hold on, man, hold on!" exclaimed the judge. "I only want a trim up, I tell you; don't cut it so short."

"Cut it short be blowed!" replied the barber, slicing away triumphantly. "You didn't cut it short when you give me five years in the stone jug. This is the prison crop you've got to have, old man, as sure as a gun; so you'd best take it kindly."—*Tidbits*.

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