

No one, except when compelled by the rules of politeness, need listen to the endless iteration of the drawing room bore, or that of the parliamentary bore who thinks it incumbent upon him to say over again, in as many words as he can bring to bear, what has already been said in more forcible terms than his own. But in Court the man who has undertaken the responsibility of conducting a cause, in which the interests of others are concerned, has a right to be heard, and must be listened to, no matter how prolix or prosy he may be. It is for him to judge what it is necessary to say, and say it he must after his own fashion. The judge may protest against his taking up the time of the Court, and may in various ways rebuke him, but stop him he cannot.

In the English Courts very long speeches are the exception, though some are recorded as having lasted for days. Of such long speeches a writer in a recent issue of a leading English journal discussing the subject now under consideration, gives some remarkable instances. After mentioning some causes in which the addresses of counsel had taken from two to five hours in delivery, the writer goes on to say: "But these examples sink into insignificance when compared with the speech of Sir Edward Clarke in the Lake Mines Case, which occupied three and a half days; with a famous speech of Sir John Rigby, which took seven days to complete; and with a remarkable effort of Mr. Robert Wallace, when he was a junior, which began on Monday and was brought to an end, under pressure, on the following Saturday. These were all cases in which the matters to be dealt with were full of perplexity."

In the United States speeches of such length are of frequent occurrence. Counsel there do not feel themselves bound to keep within the record, nor do the judges feel it their duty to restrain the most distant flights of imagination. A trial for murder, such as that which recently took place in New York, becomes a matter of national sensational interest and was dealt with accordingly. Consequently a case which in England, or in this country, would be disposed of in a few hours, occupied