

Mr. Bissell? You got no sense anyhow; you jest go right straight back in dem woods and you bring in de right verdict, or I'll put de las one o' you in jail. Go tarrogate again." The jury retired, and in another half hour returned, handing in as their new verdict, "We finds Mr. Bissel guilty of accusin'." The Court said, "I spicious bout dis verdict, but lem stan; you shant git no coss, nohow; en don't come to dis cort gen yah? Nigger got no sense nohow."—*Green Bag*.

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The way in which the very learned lawyer is sometimes discomfited by a humorous turn to the testimony is illustrated by the following, told recently by a Mississippian:

"Once I was employed to defend a man charged with biting another man's ear. Upon the eve of the trial the father of the defendant associated with me as counsel a young lawyer just out of Harvard. I was only a plain country lawyer, and the old man thought he would feel safer with a college man for the orator.

"The principal witness was a negro. He saw the fight in which the mayhem occurred. I got the darkie to admit that the men were tumbling about on the ground in a newly cleared field, where there were a lot of small stumps sharpened at the top. 'Yasser,' de top er dem stumps was sharp as knife-blades.'

"'And might the plaintiff have struck his head against one of those sharp edges and cut off his ear.'

"'Yesser, he moulder.'

"'That's all,' said I.

"'But the college graduate thought I hadn't gone quite far enough. He jumped up and said:

"'Hold on. One more question. Do you not actually believe that is the way Mr. Johnson lost his ear?'

"'Well, ser,' said the witness, dubiously; 'I moughter thought dat ef I hadn't seen yuther man spittin' de year outer his mouth.'

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In no civilized country on the globe, certainly in no European country, are the requirements for the admission to the study of law so low as in United States. In no European country is the required preliminary training for a lawyer for his public functions so utterly neglected as in our own. In Continental Europe what is the equivalent of our collegiate education is a necessity prerequisite to professional study, and the only road to the bar is through the university which is a professional school for the four learned professions—law, medicine, theology and philosophy. In England, while a college or university education need not necessarily precede professional study, yet if the candidate is not a university graduate or has not, by examination, brought himself within certain excepted classes, he must show his fitness for legal study by passing a satisfactory examination in the "English language, the Latin language and English history." Such examination is conducted by a joint board appointed by the four Inns of Court. Although it is possible in England for a man of very moderate acquirements to enter the lower grade of the profession, and although such a man occasionally attains the rank of barrister, yet there is an unwritten law recognized by the public and the bar, that he should be a university man. For the highest success at the English bar, a university education is regarded as an essential.—*Ex.*