

dorser on the note was Mr. Mowat's father. It requires no great stretch of imagination to see how the genial maker of the note must have chuckled when in imagination he saw the plaintiff's solicitor examining the note.

HARDWORKING JUDGES.—According to an English physician of high repute nobody works harder than a judge. "The most intricate mental processes," he says, "are in progress all the time he is hearing a case. He has, for instance, to analyze and dissect all that he hears. Nothing is more mentally fatiguing.

"No brain work that I can imagine could make greater demands. Not once, of course, must the judge's attention flag. If it does so, he is neglecting his duty. For this reason, a judge should never continue sitting when he is tired. A fatigued judge cannot, however, much he tries, keep the grip of a case that he does when he is mentally and physically fresh."—*Green Bag*.

A LITTLE TOO PREVIOUS.—Judge Thrasher, county judge of Cattaraugus County, New York, has an exceptionally deliberate manner of speech. At a recent term of the County Court of that county, a certain W—— was convicted for a violation of the Liquor Tax Law. In the imposition of sentence, the judge said: "I will fine you \$200.00." Before anything further was said, the prisoner reached into his pocket and while taking out a roll of bills said, "I thought that would be about the size of it, and I have that money right here in my pocket." The judge thereupon concluded the terms of sentence as follows: "and three months in the Erie County Penitentiary. Have you got that in your pocket?"

JUST AS HE EXPECTED.—Court had opened at one of the county seats of West Virginia when a member of the Bar strolled in, took a seat, put his feet on a table, and lighted a cigar. The judge called the bailiff and directed him to see that the attorney took his feet down and stopped smoking. The officer obeyed his instructions, and was requested by the lawyer to tell his honour to "go to ——." Beckoning the bailiff to him the