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THE following is told of a Glasgow baillie : In Scottish courts of law, witnesses repeat the oath with the right hand raised. On one occasion, however, the magistrate had a difficulty. "Hold up your right arm," he commanded. "I canna dae't," said the witness. "Why not?" "Got shot in that arm." "Then hold up your left." "Canna dae that ayther--got shot in the ither ane tae." "Then hold up your leg," responded the irate magistrate. "No man can be sworn in this court without holding up something."

At a term of a circuit court held not long since in one of the up-river counties a horse case was on trial, and a well-known horseman was called as witness. Counsel—"Well, sir, you saw this horse?" Witness—"Yes, sir, I—" Counsel—"What did you do?" Witness—"I jist opened his mouth to find out his age, and I sez to him, sez I : 'Old feller, I guess you're purty good yet.'" Opposite Counsel—"Stop! Your honour, I object to any conversation carried on between this witness and the horse when the plaintiff was not present." The objection was sustained.

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