

ery of "Stop thief!" A mere suggestion of his motive is sufficient. As Trumbull hath it:

"No man e'er felt the halter draw,
With good opinion of the law."

Or as Seymour D. Thompson said in one of his bar association addresses: "Lawyers have always been an inconvenience to despots. The tyrant is always stubbing his toe against the lawyer. Napoleon, the son of a lawyer, hated lawyers." Another despot's attitude towards lawyers is well illustrated by an anecdote concerning him which has been handed down. When Peter the Great, on his visit to Westminster Hall, was told, in answer to a question, that the people in wigs and black gowns were lawyers, he exclaimed: "Lawyers! I have but two in my dominions, and I believe that I shall hang one of them the moment I get home." The other one must have been Peter's "personal counsel"—to borrow a phrase the New York papers delight in using.

The incorrigible jester, with his merry quibs and gibes about the lawyer, comes on next to do his little turn. The lawyer simply can't find it in his heart to be harsh toward this sad wag. He regards him with good nature, and even with sympathy. He has heard the creaking of the machinery and has seen what a serious thing it is to be a funny man. Besides, he rather likes to study the species.

Well, well, says the lawyer when he hears his story, let the little man have his joke, if it pleases him. It doesn't do any harm, it doesn't do any harm. Besides, it's been some time since I heard that joke, and it doesn't do to go back on old friends. Perhaps the best evidence of the lawyer's sureness of his position is, not that he ignores criticism, but that he laughs at the jokes made at his expense.

While the lawyer is tolerant of all kinds of criticism, there is one kind that puzzles him on account of its want of logic, and that is the criticism of the so-called "corporation lawyers." He can understand an attack based on the charge that lawyers are dishonest, but he cannot understand an attack based on the charge that corporation lawyers are corporation lawyers. The