

342; and the principle to be followed was well expressed in another of these cases, *Tichborne v. Tichborne*, 39 Law J. Rep. Chanc. 328, by Vice-Chancellor Stuart, who said, 'whatever tends to prejudice a cause, whatever matter is published to the world referring to the parties, to the litigation, and to the subject matter of it in such a way as to excite a prejudice against them, or their litigation, is a contempt of Court.' The most recent case on the subject is *O'Shea v. O'Shea and Parnell*, in which Mr. Justice Butt inflicted a heavy fine, after giving judgment in the sense of the previous decisions. Applications to commit have lately become more frequent, and, as a rule, they have simply been dismissed with or without costs against the defendant, who always apologises in Court; but the strict rule remains, and is likely to remain despite the efforts of those who say that 'contempt of Court' should be confined to interruption of judicial proceedings and intimidation of witnesses.—*Law Journal* (London).

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#### GENERAL NOTES.

**THE JUDGES AND THE LAW.**—The law, according to the well-known legal maxim, is a thing *quod quisque scire tenetur*. We may admit that the presumption of knowledge is somewhat strained in the case of laymen; but it is alarming to find an eminent Queen's Counsel, who has held high legal office, casting a doubt on Her Majesty's judges' knowledge of the law. 'The judges,' said Sir Henry James during the discussion on the fourth clause of the Home Rule Bill, 'know the common law—more or less,' he added after a pause, amidst the laughter of an irreverent House of Commons.—*Law Journal*.

**HAPPILY ENDED.**—A pleasing incident, says the *Westminster Gazette*, occurred some fifteen years ago, in a northern town, where Sir Henry Hawkins was trying a young man for, in a moment of jealousy, assaulting the girl with whom he was "keeping company." The prosecutrix broke down in floods of tears while giving evidence against him. 'I love him still,' she cried, 'and will marry him to-morrow if you will only release him, my lord.' The prisoner was found guilty, and ordered to be imprisoned for one day. The banns had already been published, and on