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Collier's Weekly tells of two Irishmen who were on bad terms with each other. The friends of Flaherty claimed that he had been insulted, and urged him to vindicate his honor. Flaherty said prudently: "Be look at the size of him. The man's a giant!" "Very well," responded his disgusted friend, "then all the people will say you are a coward." "Well, I dunno," responded Flaherty placidly. "At any rate, I'd rathyer have them sayin' that than the day aftther to-morrow exclaimin': 'How natural Flaherty looks!'"

Fee and Foe

In a suit recently tried in a Virginia town, says Harper's Weekly, a young lawyer of limited experience was addressing the jury on a point of law, when, good-naturedly, he turned to the opposing counsel, a man of much more experience than himself, and asked: "That's right, I believe, Colonel Hopkins?"

Whereupon, Hopkins, with a smile of conscious superiority replied: "Sir, I have an office in Richmond wherein I shall be delighted to enlighten you on any point of law for a consideration."

The youthful attorney, not in the least abashed, took from his pocket a half-dollar piece, which he offered Colonel Hopkins with this remark:

"No time like the present. Take this, sir; tell us what you know, and give me the change."

Believing in Prayer

The venerable R. L. Dabney, D.D., is well known in the United States and abroad. Upward of twenty years ago his youngest son Lewis was a sharp-witted lad who promised to become a respected "chip of the old block."

The lad was whipped one day for an act of disobedience, and then had to undergo the more trying ordeal of sitting quietly on the sofa. He became deeply absorbed in thought and presently asked: "Mother, why do you whip me?"

"So as to make you a better boy," was the response.

Lewis again became lost in thoughtful reflection. Presently he blurted out:

"Mother, do you believe in prayer?" "Yes, my son."

"If you were to ask God to make me a better boy do you think he would grant your prayer?"

"I think he would, son."

"Well, then, mother, I wish you would pray a little more and whip a little less."

Lincoln's Rebuke

The saying that there are few honest lawyers did not hold true in the case of Lincoln. A man once called to retain him on a suit.

"State your case," said honest Abe. The man did, and then Lincoln said:

"I cannot represent you, for you are wrong, and the other party is right."

"That is none of your business if I employ you," said the client.

"Pardon me," said the man who afterward became president; "my business is never to defend wrong. I never take a case that is manifestly wrong."

"Well, but you can make trouble for the other fellow."

"Yes," said Lincoln, "I can set a whole community of loggheads. That can make trouble for this widow and her fatherless children and by so doing get you \$600 that rightfully belongs to her, but I won't do it."

"Not if I pay you well?"

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