

They are telling this story about Senator Evarts: A gentleman was entering the Senate gallery at Washington, when he chanced to meet a friend coming out. "Hello!" he said, "what is going on?" "Nothing just now. Mr. Evarts has been addressing the Senate." "Has he? I'm sorry I missed that." "Yes, it was a great treat. He spoke for more than four hours." "What about?" "He didn't say."

"What can I do, my darling," he whispered, "to prove my love for thee? Would that I could, at peril of my life, rescue thee from bloodthirsty Indians, save thee from the fangs of the roaring lion or snatch thee from a watery grave. Say, dear one, what can I do?" "Ask papa," she said promptly. But he was not prepared to go so far as that. He went outside to see what sort of an evening it was, and he never came back again.

"Mr Graham," said the young man, "I have traced to you the story that I have been divorced fourteen times and arrested seventeen for cruelty to my wife, and I would like an explanation." "Mr. Bailey, I am certainly astounded. The only story I have told about you lately is what you informed me last Thursday—that you had just been engaged." "May I ask you where you mentioned that?" "Why, certainly; it was at the Friday afternoon sewing circle."

The glorious "uncertainty of the law" is proverbial; but it is a little singular, when one comes to think of it, that this uncertainty never inures by accident, or otherwise, to the benefit of the honest man or the public. It is always the criminal who profits by the uncertainty. The courts do not discover fly specks in indictments or commitments which enable the public to get a firmer and more lasting hold on the law breakers. And those accidents with the undotted i's and the uncrossed t's are unearthed in the interest of rascals and rascality.

"No, George," faltered the maiden, "I fear it cannot be. I admire you as a gentleman, I respect you as a friend, but—" "Laura!" he exclaimed, "before you pass sentence hear me out. A recent lucky stroke in business has enabled me to buy a beautiful home on Prairie avenue, which shall be in your name. I will insure my life for \$25,000 and—" "George," calmly interposed the lovely girl, "you interrupted me. I was about to say that the sentiments of respect and esteem I feel for you, though so strong, are feeble in comparison with the deep love which—which I—which I have long—don't George, dear!" For George had interrupted her again.



AS THE CASE MAY BE.

MAUD: Give me time to consider; in a week I will give you my answer in writing.

HENRY: I submit! but the delay will be too long and cruel, if you accept, the reprieve all too short if you refuse me.

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