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What seems a strange case, occurred in Toronto a few weeks ago. All the papers contained blood curdling accounts of how a man had cut his wife's head open with an axe. The Mail and Empire reporter and a policeman found the daughter trying to carry the mother to assistance. A fearful wound was on her head. An ambulance conveyed her to the hospital, and the reporter and the officer went to the address the woman had given. There they found the husband, who was in a vile state of intoxication. He immediately told them, with apparent satisfaction, that he had given his wife "a clout over the head with the axe." A neighbor woman then told the tale of how he had chased the old woman with the axe in his hand when they had all fled from him. The daughter told how he had with the axe cut in the door where she (the daughter) was hiding, and how she had escaped him. The man was imprisoned, and when his wife at last recovered, he was brought

into the Police Court. Here the woman goes on the stand and says he only hit her "with a little bit of a stick," and the prisoner is discharged and allowed again to be a fellow citizen of the people of Toronto. It is hardly necessary to give this case any editorial comment. The transparency of the whole affair of the woman's evidence is very apparent. Such cases as these are not unknown, and as they are a great menace to society should be dealt with vigorously.

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We quote with approval the following remarks of Chief Justice Charles B. Andrews of the Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors in a recent case instituted by the Fairfield County Bar of that State, to debar one Taylor, one of its members, for unprofessional conduct. The Chief Justice concludes his judgment in the following words:

"It is not enough for an attorney that he be honest. He must be that and more. He must be believed to be honest. It is