

ADVICE TO LAWYERS.—To a counsel arguing before him at Clerkenwell County Court, Judge Edge remarked: "Let me tell you a story of a case in which as counsel I appeared before Mr. Justice Mellor. I had used my strongest arguments, and, thinking I was not convincing him, I used some weak arguments afterward. Mr. Justice Mellor said to me: 'Now, Mr. Edge, don't put too much water in your brandy.'"—*Ex.*

WHAT IS A PRIZE FIGHT?—The question of the legality of boxing contests has again been raised by the decision of the stipendiary magistrate at Birmingham to bind Moran and Driscoll over to keep the peace. The test generally applied, in order to ascertain whether a proposed boxing contest could legally be held, is whether the proposed contest is to be a mere exhibition of skill in which case it would not be illegal, or a contest in which the parties intend to fight in such a manner that actual bodily harm to one or both of them may result: *Reg. v. Orton*, 39 L.T. Rep. 293; 14 Cox C.C. 226; and *Reg. v. Coney*, 46 L.T. Rep. 307; 8 Q.B. Div. 534. If the proposed contest come within the latter category, it is the duty of the magistrate to bind the combatants over to keep the peace: *Reg. v. Billingham*, 2 C. & P. 234. In the case of Moran and Driscoll, the learned stipendiary appears to have found on the facts that the proposed contest would amount in law to a prize fight. He consented to state a case for the opinion of the High Court if, on consideration, he found he could do so. The decision of the High Court will be awaited with considerable interest, in view of its probably far-reaching effect.

Sydney Brooks's article on "The American Yellow Press," which *The Living Age* reprints in a recent issue, from *The Fortnightly Review*, is one of the keenest and most discriminating articles on the subject yet printed. The writer has a familiarity both with American politics and with American journalism which entitles him to speak with authority. Readers of the article on "Socialist Sunday-Schools" in the same issue will be amazed to discover how far removed from the traditional Sunday-schools these centres of Socialist propaganda are. About the only thing they have in common is the day of meeting.