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Recently being always well before the public gaze, living their professional life almost wholly in public, the most of the law have little chance of not being observed.

To anyone with a sense of humor Law Courts are not the dry and dull places imagined by the layman. Law courts bring out the peculiarities of human nature, and in handling the man and the humor straying there-in may nearly always find something to tickle his risible sense. What, for example, could be more humorous than the situation of the little figure in the witness-box who was being cross-examined by a big, blustering barrister in the following story: The witness had explained that certain documents had been introduced, the blustering arose in his wrath. "I told," he cried, "I call upon the witness to produce the documents that were burned." The terror of the unhappy witness was beautiful to behold.

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St. Petersburg, May 31. — Amazing revelations are beginning to filter through from Siberia as to the activity of General Remenkamp and the other high officers entrusted with the suppression of the recent revolutionary movement here.

Scores of persons have been put to death for the most trivial offences, and scores of others for no offence at all, after mockeries of military trials without precedent in the world's history.

Tehtia, in the Transbaikalian Territory, is the chief centre of these atrocities. A Jew named Vanstein was convicted there and shot after a trial which lasted five minutes. The charge against Vanstein was that he was a distant station master at Tunkemapu, where many attacks took place on military trains. When Vanstein denied he had anything to do with the attacks, one witness, an illiterate peasant, was summoned. The trial consisted of the following dialogue:

President—Do you know the accused? Witness—Yes.

President—What is his name? Witness—I don't know. (Laughter.)

President—How, then, do you know him? Witness—I saw him at the meeting.

President—What did he say? Witness—I can't talk in their learned way.

President—Did he cry "Down with the autocracy"? Witness—Yes.

President—What else? Witness—He talked about freedom.

President—Nothing else? Witness—Nothing else.

This ended the trial and Vanstein was sentenced to death.

Another man, Krivonosenko, was condemned to death for reading to his fellow-villagers the Czar's manifesto of October.

ARDENT ROYAL LOVE

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Joy knows no bounds among the devoted subjects of King Alfonso, of Spain, who on May 31, in the church of San Jeronimo, Madrid, will take as his queen the charming English princess, Ena, of Battenberg. The princess enters Spain on May 24, and will be met at the frontier by Alfonso, the ministers and the Royal guard, who will escort her with great pomp and ceremony to Madrid. The marriage will cement the political friendship between Spain and England.

VACATION DAYS IN NOVA SCOTIA

This is the title of a sixty page booklet recently put out by the Dominion Atlantic Railway Company and is deserving of more than a passing notice. We have gone through this most interesting volume and have found it well worth a second reading. The Acadian Land is described in charming language, but it is not overdone. The writer is evidently familiar with the scenes he describes, and tells a story at once full of fascination and true to the facts. We cannot refrain from making a few quotations from the booklet.

"Throughout the entire Province, from Yarmouth to Cape North, nature smiles indulgently upon the visitor, from farmland and wilderness and dumping sea. It is the land of Outdoors, of balmy breezes, of genial sun, and restful and peaceful life. The visiting tourist ever hurries or takes stock of time.

Acedia, in brief, is the playground of the weary, the sanatorium of the ailing, the ideal holiday field of the continent, the playground of the children, the paradise of the sportsman, the land of lakes and streams, of forests and flowers. It is God's country—and man's.

THE LIQUOR LICENSE ACT

1. Every person who, holding either a wholesale, hotel or shop license, or a brewer's or distiller's license, sends or causes to be sent, liquor to any person in any county, city or town or other locality in which the Canada Temperance Act is in force, or into any city, town or municipality in which no license is issued under the provisions of this chapter, knowing or having reason to believe that the person or persons to whom such liquor is so sent are engaged in the sale of liquor contrary to law, shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars for the first offence, and of one hundred dollars for a second offence, and two hundred dollars for a third offence.

2. Upon complaint in writing, made to the municipal city or town council, by which the license was issued, if any license has been convicted, such council shall after ten days notice to the licensee, examine into such complaint, and if it is proved to their satisfaction that such second conviction has been made, forfeit and cancel the license of such licensee.

3. Every person who, holding either a wholesale, hotel or shop, or a brewer's or distiller's license, sends or causes to be sent, liquor through the in force, or into any city, town or municipality in which no license is issued under the provisions of this chapter, to be paid for on delivery by such common carrier, express company or other conveyance, shall be held to be an offence against the next preceding section.

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A third trial occupied exactly two minutes. The accused, Grigoroff, was led in and charged with "spreading propaganda." No witness appeared. The following dialogue ensued:

President—Call the witness, Ljubantsov.

Guard—He's not here.

President—Why? Guard—He's not here.

President—Do the statement confirm the charge? Guard—Yes, in every detail.

Grigoroff was then condemned to death and shot. Three days later another Grigoroff was arrested. He admitted that he was the man who ought to have been charged, though he denied his guilt. He was condemned to death, but repented on the ground that one man—the wrong one—had been shot.

Of eleven persons sentenced to death at Verkhneudinsk, another Transbaikalian town, two were accused of "disrespectful remarks about the authorities," one occupying a house from which a Cossack said he "thought a shot had been fired," and a third, a boy of eighteen, of "stealing government money." The government money consisted of a four-rouble money order, and stealing it was exalted into a political offence, triable by court-martial.

Several women were sentenced to death but were respited. The offence of one was that her husband was wanted by the courts, and that she had lately informed his Cossack pursuers that he had gone to Irkutsk, whereas in reality he was hiding in a forest close by.

Altogether, nearly seventy persons are known to have been shot by order of these mock courts.

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DEATH TOO GOOD

For This Inhuman Wretch of New York City—Assaults and Murders Woman Before Her Helpless Husband.

New York, May 31.—Mrs. Lena Hopper, devoted wife and mother, was the victim of abuse that resulted in her death as she lay by the side of her invalid husband in their home, 265 East 75th street, Saturday.

While the murderer was choking, beating and assaulting her, her husband, a paralytic, rheumatic and old, gave battle to the murderer until his strength gave out. He was killed by her, but she had killed her husband and threatened to kill him if he made an outcry.

The house at 265 East 75th street is undergoing repairs. For years Mrs. Hopper, who was 47 years old and who had several grown children, had been acting as housekeeper for the owner, named Levy. While the house was being repaired Levy asked the Hoppers to continue to live on the top floor.

The work of remodeling the house has been under a contractor named Krotzner. He wanted a night watchman and hired James MacParland of 410 East 75th street, a giant in stature. Old Mr. Hopper told the story of the murder:

"Early this morning," he said, "I was trying to forget my hurts from rheumatism, when there came a knocking at the door. I told Lena not to open it, but a man's voice cried out, 'I will brain all of you if you don't open up!' Then Lena got up. I tried to rise, but it hurt too bad and I was too weak. She opened the door and in rushed MacParland."

"He grabbed Lena and lurked her to the floor. I tried to yell as best I could, but I couldn't make a sound. I saw him choke my wife. She tried to yell, but MacParland held her in his grasp."

"Just then I gained the strength of a man of half my age. I jumped out of bed when I saw my poor wife being killed and I fought MacParland until he released my wife's throat and started for the door. There he stopped and tried to throw me off, but he was no match for me while my strength lasted."

"I got him to the hall and then began to weaken. He hurled me from as though I had been a child and said to me: 'If you make any more noise I will do the same way and end you, too.'"

Injunction Against Lovens

Mother Objected to Two Swains Calling on Daughter the Same Night.

Unable to keep two young men calling away from her home and failing to make her daughter send them away, Mrs. Adrain G. Bayman, of Des Moines, Ia., went to Judge Heinze and asked for an injunction on the two ardent suitors. She said between the two they were at her home every night. When she remonstrated with her daughter, the maiden said as long as she worked all day and paid her board she had a right to do as she pleased. Worse still, the young men ignored the mother's order that they should not call at her home. The judge took the woman to court, promise with the daughter and give them each one night a week. She then staggered him somewhat by asking him to go to see the daughter and fix it up for her. The judge said he could not do this but sent his deputy who came to terms with the popular young woman.

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