

EXPERT EVIDENCE.—The ever present subject of expert evidence recalls an incident of some years ago, when a well-known Irish barrister began his cross-examination of a hand-writing expert with the question, "Where is the dog?" On the witness asking, "What dog?" the counsel replied, "The dog which the judge at the last assizes said he would not hang on your evidence."

"Rufus, you old loafer, do you think it's right to leave your wife at the washtub while you pass your time fishing?"

"Yes, sah, Jedge, it's all right. Mah wife don' need no watchin.' She'll sholy wuk jes' as hard as if I was dah."

Here is another old chestnut: "Mr. Justice Ridley once startled a witness who was appearing in a case tried before him. Some question had arisen as to whether the witness was speaking the truth or not, and the witness was naturally very indignant. 'I have been wedded to the truth from infancy!' he declared. 'Quite so,' agreed the judge; 'but the real question now is: How long have you been divorced?'"—*Law Notes.*

THE LIVING AGE (WEEKLY, BOSTON, MASS., U.S.A.).—The leading article in *The Living Age* for Sept. 2nd is "Morocco in liquidation," reprinted from *Blackwood's Magazine*. This gives an interesting account of the complications out of which the present dangerous situation has arisen. The strike of dock-hands and railway men in England has been settled for the present; but attention is drawn to the subject in an article in the above periodical of the same date on "British Merchant Seamen." This is timely, by reason of its presentation of the conditions which led up to the great labour war. The railway strike has since broken out in Ireland, which shews that there is still a very unsettled condition. The most serious aspect of it is that the strike question is not now so much a question of increased pay to the men, but as to whether the unions, which are now apparently socialist societies are to dictate terms not only to the railways, but also to manufacturers and others. "Punishment and Crime" is an article in the number of the *Living Age* for Sept. 16th, discussing in an illuminating way a problem of world-wide interests. The selections of this most interesting publication give a comprehensive grasp of the rapidly changing events of the day.