

MRS. CLUPPINS : Yes, sir, now I remember 'e said the person 'e 'ad in 'is heye, but 'e was lookin' at Mrs. Bardell with 'is heye when 'e said it.

BUZFUZ : That is why you are sure he meant Mrs. Bardell ?

MRS. CLUPPINS : Yes, my lord and jury. I am the mother of eight children at the present speaking and——

JUDGE : That will do, ma'am; we don't want to hear your domestic affairs. Do you wish to cross-examine the witness, Brother Snubbin ?

SNUBBIN : Yes, m'lord. (*Rises*). Er—no, I think not. We admit, my lord, the general correctness of this witness's testimony, but allege that her construction of what she heard is mistaken.

BUZFUZ : That will do. (*Mrs. Cluppins leaves the box*).

MR. SKIMPIN : Call Nathaniel Winkle.

CLERK : Nathaniel Winkle !

CRIER : Nathaniel Winkle !

WINKLE : Here. (*enters box and bows to judge*).

JUDGE : Don't look at me, sir, look at the jury.

MR. SKIMPIN : Now, sir, have the goodness to let His Lordship and the jury know what your name is, will you ?

WINKLE : Winkle.

JUDGE : Have you any Christian name, sir ?

WINKLE : Nathaniel, sir.

JUDGE : Daniel, any other name ?

WINKLE : Nathaniel, sir, my Lord, I mean.

JUDGE : Nathaniel Daniel, or Daniel Nathaniel ?

WINKLE : No, my Lord, only Nathaniel, not Daniel at all.

JUDGE : What did you tell me it was Daniel for, then ?

WINKLE : I didn't, my Lord.

JUDGE : You did, sir ! How could I have got Daniel on my notes unless you told me so, sir ?



MR. WINKLE