#### MARINER IN WITNESS BOX

Overwhelmed Lawyer With String of Nautical Terms

Among other peculiarities of seamen, it is well known that they have an inveterate tendency to describe everything in the language of the sea. This peculiarity was strikingly exemplified in the case of an old boatswain, who was called as a witness in connection with a trial which took place some years ago. On Jack entering the witness box and being sworn, the following conversation

"Now, Mr. Truck," said the lawyer, "you will be good enough to tell the court precisely what you know concerning the prisoner at the bar."

"Well, " said Jack, "ye see, 'twas like this: I was dodging along in the lee of the town hall, just backin' an' fillin' to let a little cutter as I was expecting range up alongside, when all of a sudden that fellow opened out the harbor lights and came bowling along like the Flying Dutchman. When he came under my lee he jammed his helm hard down and stood away on the port tack until he nearly fouled the pierhead. Then he put his wheel up and bore away before a good ten knot."

"My dear sir," said the lawyer, "this jargon is perfectly unintelligible to the court. You must be more explicit. Was the night on which you saw the prisoner a particularly stormy one?"

"Oh, well," replied Jack, "you could have carried your topsails easily enough, and your coursers too, but it would hardly have been safe to set your top gallants without a double reef in each of 'em. You might have carried the spanker with one reef, but she would have steered better if you had put on a couple."

"This is not answering my question," cried the lawyer. "About what time was it on the night on which you saw the prisoner?"

"About two bells in the second dog watch."

"It is only waste of time dealing with such stupidity," said the judge in despair. "You can stand down."

"I can what?" asbed Jack. "Stand down, sir," cried the lawyer.

"Been at sea thirty years and never heard such an order all the time. What do you mean?"

"Think he means you to trip your anchor, Jack," cried a voice in court. "Well, why didn't he say so?" muttered Jack, as he was leaving the courtroom. "Blest if I ever saw such a lot of lubbers; they don't know so much as the cook's boy."-Tit Bits.

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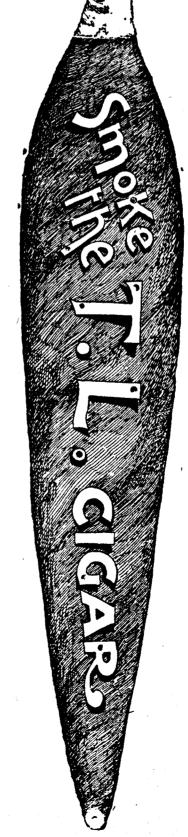
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