

Observations on the Theory of Tittlebats." The benevolent and harmless aspect of the defendant might easily beguile the casual observer into the opinion that he is a person incapable of heartless cruelty toward an unprotected female ; those of you, gentlemen of the jury, who have read his scientific essays and other learned disquisitions as they have appeared from time to time in the public prints ; those of you who are familiar with his archeological discoveries, especially that notable antiquarian triumph at Cobham, when he revealed that inscription on the mysterious stone—Upwich (sotto voce)

" Bill Stumps, 'is Mark"—would hesitate before believing him capable of duplicity and deception, but appearances cannot be relied on. I will leave it to my learned friend to outline the facts of the case and fittingly characterize the conduct of this defendant, as he alone of all the members of the British bar is competent to do, contenting myself with the more humble duty of merely opening the case, and giving you, in these few words, the general information which it is necessary you should have.



MR. SERJT. BUZFUZ

SERJT. BUZFUZ : M'lord, gentlemen of the Jury: Never in the whole course of my professional experience—never, from the very first moment of applying myself to the study and practise of the law—have I approached a case with feelings of such deep emotion, or with such a heavy sense of the responsibility imposed upon me, a responsibility, I will say, which I could never have supported, were I not buoyed up and sustained by a conviction, so strong that it amounts to positive certainty, that the cause of truth and justice, or, in other words, the cause of my much injured and most oppressed client, must prevail with the high-minded and