

THE LANGUAGE OF THE LAW

'If I were to give you this apple,' said a lawyer to a little girl of whom he was very fond, 'I should simply say, "I give you this apple"; but should the transaction be intrusted to a lawyer to put in writing he would say: "I hereby give, grant, and convey to you all my interest, right, title, and advantage of and in said apple, together with its rind, skin, juice, pulp, and pips and all rights and advantages therein, with full power to bite, suck or otherwise eat the same, or give away with or without the rind, juice, pulp, or pips, anything hereinbefore, or in any other deed or deeds, instruments of any nature or kind whatsoever, to the contrary in, anywise notwithstanding.'

TOMMY'S BROTHER

A policeman, seeing a youngster standing on the brink of a pond, accosted the boy. 'What's the matter, Tommy?' he queried.

The youngster pointed to a hat which was bobbing up and down in the middle of the pond. 'My bruvver—' he sobbed.

In a flash the courageous constable divested himself of his coat and plunged into the water. He reached for the hat and dived for the lost lad. He came up, but with the hat only. 'Can't find him!' he gasped. 'Where was he standing when he fell in?'

The boy gasped. 'He ain't fell in,' he said. 'He's over there. I was going to tell you he throwed my hat into the pond, but you wouldn't lemme finish!'

THE AMERICAN SCORED

The American in the corner of the non-smoking first class carriage insisted on lighting his cigar. The indignant Britisher in the other corner protested, and protested in vain. At the next station he hailed the guard, with hostile intent; but the placid American was too quick for him.

'Guard,' he drawled. 'I think that you'll find that this gentleman is travelling with a third class ticket on him.'

Investigation proved him to be right, and the indignant Britisher was ejected.

A spectator of the little scene asked the triumphant American how he knew about that ticket.

'Waal,' explained the imperturbable stranger, 'it was sticking out of his pocket, and I saw it was the same color as mine!'

ODDS AND ENDS

'I did not see you in church last Sunday.'—'I do not doubt it. I took up the collection.'

'I would like,' said the gentlemanly agent, 'to call your attention to a little work which I have here.' 'Well, let me call your attention to a whole lot of work which I have here,' replied the woman of the house at the wash-tub.

'Don't you ever get homesick, captain?' asked the passenger on the ocean liner. 'No; I'm never home long enough,' replied the captain.

Teacher (giving a lesson on the rhinoceros)—Now, can you name any other things that have horns and are dangerous to get near?'

Sharp Pupil—Motor cars.'

FAMILY FUN

Turn round, with your back to the table, ask somebody to throw the dice. Then tell the person who threw them to double the number of the spots on the die on the left, and keep the number to himself. Tell him to add five, then multiply by five. To this figure have him add the number of spots on the die in the middle and multiply the product by ten. Then ask him to multiply the number of spots on the third die and give you the aggregate sum. From the amount subtract mentally 250, and the remainder will show in the three figures the number of spots on each of the three dice. For instance, take three dice. Their numbers are three, five, and two. Double the one on the left—five plus five equals ten. Add five, equals fifteen. Multiply by five equals seventy-five. Add the number of spots on the die in the middle, three equals eighty-eight. Multiply by ten, equals 880. Add number of spots on the third die, two, equals 882. Subtract 250 and 632 remains, which are the numbers on the dice.

All Sorts

Dogs in Hamburg are taxed according to size.

There are 175 different pieces in the average watch.

The wheels of a watch travel 3558½ miles per annum.

Football was considered a crime in the reign of Henry VIII.

Gold can be beaten 1200 times thinner than printing-paper.

Sixpence a day is the average pay of olive-pickers in Italy.

The factories of Japan close on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Twenty-five per cent. of the female population of Scotland work for their living.

French doctors are prohibited from receiving money bequeathed to them by patients.

The coal-mining industry of the United Kingdom gives employment to 1,000,000 people.

In twelve months tigers in India were responsible for the death of 698 human beings and 28,714 head of cattle.

The man who can tell you how to write poetry, run a bank, expound the law, and play the fiddle, is the kind of man that generally has to borrow money off his friends to live on.

Five ocean liners which arrived at New York from Europe on December 9 had a record number of immigrants for any single day—5057. Over 1500 of these were by the German liner from Hamburg.

Fine sense and exalted sense are not half so valuable as common sense. There are forty men of wit to one man of common sense; and he that will carry nothing about with him but gold will be every day at a loss for change.

By an Italian law every circus which does not perform every act promised in the printed programme, or which misleads the public by means of pictures, is liable to a fine of £100 for each offence.

Hansom, the inventor of the cab which bears his name, only made £450 out of the invention. He disposed of his patent for £10,000, but the company who bought it failed, and were unable to pay up the full amount.

Her mother asked little Dot to go into the next room to see if the clock was going, for she had not heard it strike all the afternoon. — Dot came, running back, put her head in at the door, and exclaimed:

'Why, no mamma, clock isn't going; it's des stannin' still and waggin' its tail.'

The clock which was actually made by the Royal hands of Louis XVI. came into the possession of a member of the Rothschild family some years ago. It is probably the most valuable clock in existence, no less than £33,600 having been paid for this remarkable timepiece.

A little girl was sitting on the floor crying. After a while she stopped and seemed buried in thought. Looking up suddenly she said:

'Mamma, what was I crying about?'

'Because I wouldn't let you go out.'

'Oh, yes!' And she set up another howl.

Steps are being taken for the organisation of an association for the purpose of celebrating the opening of the Panama Canal in 1915. It is designed, if the scheme is found feasible, to hold a world's fair there. Many of the leading men on the isthmus have heartily endorsed the plan, which if successfully carried out would mean, it is believed, much for the country.

A short time ago, in a certain town in the North Island a lecture was being given on the evils of drink.

'Yes,' said the lecturer, 'alcohol has ruined our country, and has slain its thousands, but when has bright, clear, cold water caused the death of anyone?'

And from the back of the audience a gruff voice answered:

'When he couldn't swim.'

The lecturer gave it up as hopeless.

A very matter-of-fact Scotchwoman called to see a neighbor, an elderly woman, who had been ailing for some time. 'And how do you find yourself to-day, Janet?' was the greeting. 'Ah, Martha, I'm very bad. This cold, damp weather'll be the end of me. I'll be a dead woman before very long.' 'Hoots, toots, woman! You've been saying that any time these last twenty years. I've no patience with you. I'll tell you what it is. You want firmness of mind. Fix a day for your dying—and stick to it.'

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