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## POLLY IN A COURT-ROOM.

A Lourned Bird Makes an Interest ing Witness Petere a Judge. Oh, I'm glad I'm here. I'm glad,

I'm-sent! 'Put that drunken man out, Mr. Bail ff." shouted Judge Lawler, weari-

"It's only Tom Sawyer," responded Mr. Neagle. "I don't care the suceze of a corpse

who it is-put him out." "But it's a parrot, your Honor."

"Ah, there, my pretty!" sung out the same voice. The judge scratched his nose reflect-

ively and awaited developments. An officer hove in sight bearing a

eage containing a dissipated-looking parrot. "Let me out," screamed the bird.

"I'm Tom Sawyer. You're a thief. You're a thief." "Order in court," or ed the bailiff.

"Order yourself." retorted polly. "I'm the cock of the walk. Ho, Tom."

ing to the lively bird. "He is here on a search warrant," replied Mr. Mott. "Mr. Sawyer, who is the original of the character in Mark Twain's famous book entitled Tom Sawyer,' claims the bird and

committed? queried his honor, point-

"Well, let us hear the story." "To-wit - to-wee - to whittle - to-

seeks to recover it,"

·Polly, you must not whistle in court," warned Mr. Sawyer, as he took the stand. "It isn't dignified." "Oh, you're joking, I know," chuckled the bird.

"I have had this parrot nine years or more," said the witness, "and it is the most intelligent and best educated bird in the state. What Polly doesn't know isn't worth knowing. I guess I have been offered \$75 for him, but I would not take \$100."

"How did you lose it?" asked Mr. Mott.

"Whew!" ejaculated the bailiff. "Let go my finger, you little devil!"

He had placed his finger thoughtessly between the wires of the cage, and Tom Sawyer had promptly punctured it. "I guess you had better let him out

of the cage," observed the owner, "He will be quiet then." Polly was released, and stepped out

with a mien as stately as that of Edgar Poe's "Rayen."

"I missed the bird on the 21st of last June," resumed Sawyer, "and I felt pretty bad over it. I have searched for it ever since and I saw it yesterday in a store kept by a man named North, at the corner of Twelfth and Folsom streets. The parrot recognized me as soon as I came near, and sang out, "Tom Sawyer, take me home!"

"You are right," remarked Polly, as he winked one eye and twisted his head on one side. "What a brain morning." you've got, as Mark Twain used to sav.

"That seems a pretty knowing bird," should not be a witness in this case, lump in his throat.

Swear him Mr. Clerk." "Oh, I never swear, but I'm dhungry!" ejaculated the parrot. 'Let

us pray." "No levity, sir," said Clerk Kaplan with gravity. Take the stand and hold up your right hand."

Poily muttered something that sounded suspiciously like "I Owe Ten Dollars to O'Grady" as he obeyed orders.

Then he raised his foot and repeated the oath after the clerk. "Thank goodness that's over," he

remarked. "Sav. I'm dry. Let's adjourn to take a drink." "What is your name?" a sked the

"Tom Sawyer, and I'm a dandy, but no dude."

"How did you stray away from home? "Well, now, your smart. Stray

away? I was carried away." "How was that?" Polly paused to scratch himself and

then replied:

·Well, I was sitting in front of my saloon and a boy grabbed me and ran, I swore at h m, but he was a German and didn't understand me. At last he met a man, and he told him he had a no other material excepting the bird and wanted to sell it. The man shelves. It is light and pretty and bought me for four bits and took me to a place on Harrison street. Why, I almost committed spicide when I found myself there, for I tell you I have been to the favorite brass rod bedsteads. in select company in my day."

ingly, "But how did Mr. North get

. Oh, I bit the wires of the cage until I could get out and I flew until I got tired. Then North happened along and took me with him. Oh, I have had a gay time, I assure you."

"Ever known Mark Twain?" asked Mr. Mott.

.Well, I should remark. Know Mark! Why, bless your heart, I knew h m when he was in his tirst pants. You know the book he wrote about my

The court officials nodded assent. "Well, you didn't know that I made him write it, did you? No? Yes, sir; I suid: 'Mark,' says 1. 'you just take conr pen and write a story." and my poes had made mud ples together and swopped chewing gum, dead date and lies. He wrote the story and I edited it. See?"

"Remember, von are under oath," remarked Mr. Mott.

"Bless my soul That's so. I take t all back," said the bird, nervously. While his honor was tying his shoestring Polly hopped on to Clerk Kaplan's head and dug his claws into the clerk's skull. The man who administers oaths knocked Polly sick with a blow in the stomach.

His Honor said he guessed Mr. Sawyer would have to train him afresh, as he was getting too fresh. He ordered the bird returned to its legitimate owner.

As they left the court one of the ovstanders remarked to the reporter: Tom is a pretty good vantriloquist, ain't he? He has built up a reputation for that bird, and nobody knew that Poll didn't do the talking just now. Tom is as big a joker as when he footed the boys into whitewashing his fence for him."

Tom sent the bird to his saloon at No. 935 Mission street and then celebrated the return of the wanderer. When he got home he saw two birds "What crime has this gentleman and two cages. His hat was also much too small for him. The weather was warm, very warm. - San birancisco Examiner.

> A Sign. If her color comes and goes, First the filly then the rose, At the moment you propose-What then!

Well, you may be sure she isn't painted .-Boston Courier.

Butter-Fingers.

We sat together at the game (The sad remembrance lingers); A foul was knocked-my hands it dropped-She called me "Butter-fingers."

That night I breathed to her my love (The sweet remembrance lingers); sked her madly for her hand; She gave me-but her fingers. -Harvard Lampson.

No Railway Sit. for Him. Mahone had an office in the postoffice department when he was here. just as though he was postmaster general, and there he spent an hour or two every morning kicking fellows out and putting other fellows in the Virginia offices. At 10 o'clock one morning C. Hopper, of Fairfax county, walked into his room.

"Ah!" said Mahone, "good-morning. Mr. Hopper. Just come into the office of the superintendent of the railway mail service, and we'll fix that matter of yours right up." (Hopper wanted an appointment.)

So saying he led Mr. Hopper into an adjoining room.

"Mr. Superintendent," he said, with wink, 'this is Mr. Hopper, one of my constituents, who wants a place in the railway mail service. Have you any vacancies to-day?".

"Yes, sir," said the superintendent promptly; "two of our men were killed last night in that accident near Cumberland, and another died this

Mr. Hopper's face was a study in terror.

said his Honor. "I don't see why he cles occur?" he said, gulping down a

"Oh, once or twice " week," said the superintendent easily.

"Senator," said Hopper turning to Mahone, 'I don't think I care for one of those vacancies."

"Oh, very well," said Mahone; "good morning," and Hopper never bothered him again. - Washington Cor. Philadelphia Record.

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Flossy's Inference.

Little Flossy was visiting her papa's sister, a maiden lady in the country. The child was painfully impressed with the sameness and primness of everything, and one day asked, "Aunt Maria, what makes you have every-thing all alike?" "Because I like to have everything match," replied the aunt "Was that what mamma meant whon she told papa that you were trying awful hard to make a match with every old widower in town?" asked inndoest Flossy .- Duluth Paragrapher.

The Rev. A. B. Dunaway, speaking of certain preacher, said: "If he would pend as much time in carnest, wise ef-ort to develop his own field as he spends in belittling his brother preachers who do succeed he would do a great work in the world. Many a man of that kind will read this and think of somebody else whom he fancies brother Dunaway had in mind, but no one will say: "He meant me."—Richmond Religious Herald.

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