

FEW GIVE LUCID TESTIMONY

Average Person Seems to Get Badly Flustered When Talking to Lawyer or Detective.

"And after the choking—" prompted the lawyer, who represented the plaintiff in a recent trial for assault.

"No choking? But didn't you tell the officer that the accused sprang upon his victim from behind and seized him by the throat?"

"Yes, sir, surely. But there wasn't any choking. He just squeezed him till he couldn't breathe."

"Well, wasn't that choking, I'd like to know?"

"When a body chokes, he coughs till he splits it out," explained the witness, "but the old man didn't have anything in his mouth, and he didn't cough, so he didn't choke. He was squeezed till the life was most squeezed out of him, that's all."

If the court was not enlightened by such a finely discriminated point, neither was the truth heclouded. But William J. Burns, the famous detective, declares that it is nearly impossible for the average person to give simple, lucid information to a lawyer or detective. He gives as an example the office boy who was asked, "Did Mr. Jones or his partner usually reach the office first?"

"Well," said the boy eagerly, blushing and stammering with excitement, "Mr. Jones at first was always last, but later he began to get earlier, till at last he was first, although before he had always been behind. He soon got later again, although of late he has been sooner, and at last he got behind as before. But I guess he'll be getting earlier sooner or later." Youth's Companion.

WELL CALLED GREATEST GIFT

Hard to Overestimate What the Quality of Imagination Has Done for the World.

A man may be denied health, wealth, friends, education many of the other good things of life, but there is one thing which, if he be so happy as to be endowed therewith, can never be taken from him no matter what his condition in life may be—and that is the quality of imagination.

This quality it is which inspires all hope and furnishes the wings for faith, which peopled the heavens with angels and lights up the very shadow of the tomb. Imagination it is that opens the windows of the soul and allows man to see back down the vistas of the past and far along the lanes of coming time. It is imagination that brings happiness and contentment into the lives of the sick, the impoverished and the oppressed. It makes noble men sing in prison yet haunts with awful dreams the tyrant on the throne. Without imagination there would be no "Pilgrim's Progress," no "Paradise Lost," no "Midsummer Night's Dream," nor would there be every any invention or architecture or music that is "the woe of the soul," or sculpture or painting that reflect in form and color the ideals in the minds of men. Blessed be imagination, the greatest gift of supreme wisdom and power to the children of earth.—Los Angeles Times.

Famous Editor's Epigrams.

Sir Herbert Tree had a reputation in England for making epigrams. One of his obituary articles quoted several times that he made when playing in this country. "In America," he said, "there are many babies but few children."

"There is something in the air in New York," he thought, "that stimulates and salences activity; one ought always to be tired, but never wearily." More ambiguous, but without doubt honestly meant in a complimentary sense, was his remark after a conversation with Cardinal Gibbons: "Of great men one sometimes learns little things."

This would have been better if he had said, "From great men," etc., as perhaps he did. In his own line of theoretical work he said: "If the commercial managers of America had but served Shakespeare as they have served musical comedy, he would not have been deserted in his old age." Probably Sir Herbert had heard of our famous "fired business man," but apparently he forgot him in this remark about so-called musical comedy.

Kingbird Is Chivalrous Fighter.

The scientists call the kingbird Tyrannus tyrannus, doubling up on the tyrannical significance of the thing because this bird of ours tyrannizes over other birds, but it is grateful to say that his pecking pugnacity restrains itself in the cases of birds smaller than himself.

There are some good friends of the kingbird who will tell you that the tyrannus of his name is used in its extremely ancient significance, which was that of ruler rather than tyrant, but the kingbird is a tyrant, nevertheless, as one can find out by asking any crow or hawk which flaps or sails within the domain of this guardian of the fields.

They Fooled 'Em.

"Did anyone discover that you were a bride and groom on your honeymoon trip?"

"No; we fooled everyone. Instead of calling each other by our first names, I called Jim Mr. Black and he called me Miss Kinky, just as we did before we were even engaged. We were just as formal with each other as strangers should be."—Detroit Free Press.

BY THE HILL ROAD

By JEAN STUART.

The young woman, sitting on a log in the summer shade, was conscious that someone was coming up from the hill road, and that the bushes at the edge of the road had been parted. She saw that a man was looking out of the tangle.

"I beg your pardon, if I have disturbed you," he said courteously, removing his hat. "But I used to be familiar with—with this—some years ago, and I am trying to recall this place. It is so much changed that I can hardly realize it is the same."

The young woman followed the direction of his eyes. He was looking at a disorderly heap that had once been a chimney, and at overturned and rotting blocks of wood that had once been the pillars of a house.

"Time seems to have made many changes here," she said quietly, without any embarrassment. He looked around again, with a lingering glance, and sat down on the other end of the log.

"This is the remains of the house in which I was born," he said thoughtfully, after a silence. "It has been a long time since I saw it. Right about over there was my room. There was a rose vine over the window—my mother planted it—see—a wild branch of it is growing yet. And that old chimney! I couldn't realize that the old house would be gone when I came again. If you know what it means, I believe I have a headache because the old house has fallen down."

The girl's eyes rested softly on the decayed chimney.

"I was wondering before you came," she acknowledged, "if those who used to live here had forgotten all about the old home. I am merely a summer boarder over at Farmer Gray's, and have heard a little about—about you, I think—and of the others."

"There was a long silence before he answered her.

"I found out early that I would go out and make my way in the world," he said. "I had hard work the first five years. But things began to come my way at last. I could build a beautiful home about this ruin if I wished—and I was thinking as I came out here that I would like to do that—but now—I am not so sure. I am afraid I would be the loneliest place in all the world—haunted by ghosts. Everything I ever loved here is gone."

"You speak, perhaps, of the dogs—or is it the cows and horses?" she asked.

"I spoke more especially," he said, "of a tiny girl that I used to call my little sweetheart. Where is she now, I wonder? How the years rob us as they go!"

The girl turned and looked at him. "But doubtless the years gave you far more than they took away," she said steadily. "One finds it that way in life. A man loses the baby sweetheart he thought he loved. Forgive me—it is almost dinner time with the Grays, and I must go."

"But—wait a moment!" he cried, greatly perturbed, as she was going past him. "I asked—I asked again and again—and when I found that she was to be an heiress—and I was a mere drudge in a hardware house, with dirty hands and ill-fitting clothes, I did not ask again."

She had paused, the ruffled white sunbonnet hanging back from her face and framing it in.

"I have no doubt you have even forgotten how she looked," she said presently.

"She had a world of golden hair," he replied. "Her name was Elsie—and there was a dimple in each cheek when she laughed. Perhaps you have heard the Grays speak of her. They were fond of her once."

"Yes," she said, moving slowly toward the opening in the tangled brushwood. "I have heard them speak of her. She was adopted, as you say, and was educated, and had the world at her feet, one might say. And yet I heard—it seems to me that someone told me—she came back here not long ago—to look at the old home—and to cross the creek at the old place—"

He had one fleeting glimpse of her as she looked back at him from between the leaves. A flood of rosy color had swept over either cheek, and in the midst of the rose was a dimple.

A look of amazed comprehension flashed into his face—but before he could speak she was gone.

He had always been swift of foot however—and besides—

He knew the way to Farmer Gray's and the way led across the little creek at the foot of the hill.

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Useless Wishes.

"I wish I had not done it. I wish I had not said it." How often we hear and say these words. But of what use are they? Nothing was ever dragged back from the past by a wish that came afterward. It is the wish that comes before, and prompts us to be cautious, because we desire to do not say what is best, that is worth any thing. Preventing is better than repenting, because preventing spares the repenting that is unable to recall the deed done, and the word spoken.

Bay Rum.

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Mrs. Nuritch—Yes; the school is a very select one, you know, and no one is admitted unless his father is worth at least twenty million.

BE HONEST WITH CHILDREN

Especially Pernicious Are the Foolish Threats That Are Frequently Made by Parents.

Do not lie to children. They will soon learn you are lying; you will lose their confidence, and their respect for you will be gone. When you tell them fairy stories, let them understand they are stories. Enjoyment of the tales will not be less. Some try to control children by telling them they will be whipped, thrown out of the window, that the "bogey man" will catch them, that they will be "sold to the rag man," or the policeman will get them, and by making many other untrue, senseless threats. The child soon discovers that none of these things occur. He ceases to fear the threat and becomes as disobedient as ever—perhaps more so, since such threats act like darts to continue.

One bad threat often made to children is that the policeman will get them and take them to jail. Children should be taught that the policeman is a friend, not an enemy. They should be trained to know the policeman is one to guard them from harm and to help them in trouble.

The evil of a lie to a child cannot be estimated. It does not correct the child's behavior. One loses the child's respect, and one's authority is consequently weakened. A more serious result, however, is that the child learns to lie. Any lie is an attempt to deceive and must have evil consequences, both for oneself and the child to whom the lie is told. One should never make a threat one cannot perform. Threats are bad at the best. There are other ways to accomplish one's purpose. If you would keep your children honest with you, be honest with them.

MISSES INFLUENCE ON CHILD

Hard to Exaggerate How Important it Can Be Made in the Training of Youth.

Story-hour has always been the standby of youth, gleefully anticipating the soothing close of the day. Every mother, too, has appreciated those minutes day after day, as a blessing in the training and development of her child. It is an indisputable fact that a child never absorbs more than when it is interested and amused. So during the pleasant story hours the child learns about the joys, the sorrows, the disappointments—in short, all the lessons of life.

But now some resourceful mother has discovered how to improve this ancient institution. How? By setting its libretto to music; by putting into song all the little tales of the hour—cheerful tunes for tales of joy; low, soft tunes for sad tales; clamorous tunes for victories.

Heretofore so many children have grown to manhood and womanhood without the helpful influence of music, probably because the mother has put forth such feeble excuses as "I am not musical; I can only play for my own amusement." "I don't know enough about music to teach it to my children." These ideas are old-fashioned now, and no longer hold water. Any little tune, no matter how weakly sung or played, but fitting in with the mood of the tale or action of the moment, delights the child, and unconsciously leaves behind an indelible influence and a recollection of happy days.

"Taking of Umbrage"

Barrie's famous story in "When a Man's Single" about the "taking of Umbrage" is said to have been by no means fictitious. The "incident" was actually the work of a practical joker on the staff of a well-known provincial paper in England. It was in 1864, at the time of the famous Seven Days' War waged by Austria and Germany on Denmark. This journalist, knowing how late news was dealt with at the office of a certain other paper contrived that a message should reach that paper early one morning, announcing, under the heading of "The War in Denmark," "The Enemy Have Taken Umbrage." "Umbrage" was given as a place on the North sea, and full particulars about it were supplied. The plot succeeded. The momentous news item was published, and the "taking of Umbrage" was the talk of the town for several days.—The Argonaut.

Humor the Best Tonic.

Keep in good humor. It is not great calamities that embitter existence, it is the petty vexations, the small jealousies, the little disappointments, the minor miseries, that make the heart heavy, and the temper sour. Don't let them. Anger is a pure waste of vitality; it is always foolish, and always unworthy, except in very rare cases, when it is kindled by seeing wrong done to another, or a dumb animal abused; and even that seldom mends the matter. Keep in good humor. Benjamin Franklin's ready smile and indomitable good humor did as much for his country in the old congress as Adams' fire, or Jefferson's wisdom; he clothed wisdom with smiles, and softened contentious minds into acquiescence. Keep in good humor.

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NOTICE. Decree of Heirship

Estate No. 1567 of Irene I. Smith, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. The heirs, creditors and all persons interested in said estate will take notice that on the 1st day of October, 1917, Alice O. Cole claiming title by mesne conveyance from Irene I. Smith, decedent filed her petition herin, alleging that the said Irene I. Smith died intestate on or about January 1, 1902, a resident of Lincoln County, Nebraska, and that at the time of her death she was the owner of, or had an estate in inheritance in Lots one and two in Block 7, in Paxton's addition to the City of North Platte, in said Lincoln County, Nebraska, and that no application has been made in the said State for the appointment of an administrator. That she left surviving her Eber H. Smith, a husband, Claud C. Smith, a son, Exa Hazel Smith, a daughter.

That all debts of said decedent have been paid, and praying that regular administration be waived and a decree be entered barring creditors and fixing the date of her death and the degree of kinship of her heirs and the right of descent to said real estate.

Said petition will be heard November 2, 1917, at 9 o'clock a. m. at the office of the County Judge in said county.

GEO. E. FRENCH, County Judge.

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By virtue of an order of sale issued from the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, upon a decree of foreclosure in said Court, wherein Anna V. Metcalf is plaintiff and Will Ostrum et al are defendants, and to me directed, I will on the 10th day of November, 1917, at Two o'clock P. M., at the east front door of the court house in North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said decree, interest and cost, the following described property, to-wit:

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb. Sept. 26, 1917. Notice is hereby given that Ellisworth Pense, of Tryon, Neb., who on Sept. 10, 1914, made Homestead entry No. 66155, for S1/2 of SW1/4, and NW1/4 of SW1/4, Section 34, Township 16, N., Range 11, W. 6th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, North Platte, Neb., on the 10th day of Nov., 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: Royce Welliver, of North Platte, Neb., Harry Madison, of Tryon, Neb., Fred Johnson, of North Platte, Neb., Marvin Welliver, of North Platte, Neb., O. J. EAMES, Register.

LEGAL NOTICE

F. C. Lathrop, the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and personal representatives of T. J. Mackey, and all other persons interested in the estate of T. J. Mackey, the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and personal representatives of T. J. Mackey, take notice that on the 5th day of October, 1917, Wesley D. Wilcox, who is plaintiff and the above named defendants are defendants, filed his petition in the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, against said defendants and each of them. Plaintiff alleges in his petition that he is the owner, in fee simple and in the possession of the following described real estate, to-wit:

The East half of the Northwest quarter, and the East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 21, township 9, range 29, and the North half of the North half of Section 26, township 9, range 29, all in Lincoln County, Nebraska; that the above named defendants have or claim to have some interest in and to said above described real estate.

The said real estate was conveyed by deed to said plaintiff by Edward E. Reese, single to Lew E. Darrow, May 18th, 1889, and recorded May 18th, 1889, in Mortgage record 5, Page 169 to 172, real estate records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, which mortgage was afterwards assigned by Lew E. Darrow to F. C. Lathrop, the above defendant, which assignment was duly recorded, 1889, and recorded July 6th, 1889, Book 3 of mortgages, Page 308, real estate records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, and which said mortgage deed appears of record as a lien upon the title to the East half of the Northwest quarter, and the East half of the Southwest quarter of said section 21, and the other of which said mortgages was executed upon said land by William E. Papsky, unmarried, to the above named defendant T. J. Mackey, under date of December 11, 1895, and recorded December 23d, 1895, Book 13, Page 475, real estate records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, and which said mortgage appears of record as a lien upon the North half of the North half of said section 21.

Plaintiff further alleges that said mortgage deeds and each of them are wholly void by reason of the provisions of the State of Nebraska, and have ceased to be a lien upon the said above described real estate.

Plaintiff prays that his title to said real estate be forever confirmed, and quieted in him as against the claims of the defendants and each of them, and by virtue of said mortgage deeds or otherwise, and that the defendants and each of them be forever enjoined from setting up or claiming any right, title, interest, estate or demand in or to said real estate, or from ever interfering with the possession, enjoyment of the plaintiff in said real estate, and for such other relief as may be just and equitable.

You are further notified that on the 8th day of October, 1917, said District Court made and entered an order permitting service by publication upon each and every you for four consecutive weeks as required by law, and said defendants are further notified that they are required to answer said petition on or before the 19th day of November, 1917.

WESLEY D. WILCOX, His Attorney.

LEGAL NOTICE

Hannah McGinnis, and the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and personal representatives of Hannah McGinnis, and all other persons interested in the estate of Hannah McGinnis, Mary Martha McGinnis and the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and personal representatives of Mary Martha McGinnis, and all other persons interested in the estate of Mary Martha McGinnis, and George Duncan McGinnis, and the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and personal representatives of George Duncan McGinnis, and all other persons interested in the estate of George Duncan McGinnis. And the unknown owners and unknown claimants of Lots seven and eight (7 and 8) of the original town of North Platte, Nebraska, as the same is platted and of record in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska; and that the said plaintiff and his grantors, heirs, devisees and assigns, and all other persons claiming by or through the defendants and each of them, and against the whole world or more or less consecutive years last past; the object and prayer of plaintiff's petition is to quiet title in the plaintiff in and to lots seven and eight (7 and 8), in the original town of North Platte, Nebraska, as the same is platted and of record in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska; and to exclude each and all of the said defendants and each of them, and to exclude each and all of the said defendants from all right, title, interest, claim and demand in and to said land of whatsoever kind or nature and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

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