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"It makes me nervous to think of | it," said the old druggist, as we gathered around the cheerful fire one winter evening. "Yes, it was a close call.

"I was ambitious those days, and 1 determined before leaving the univer- buried alive! sity to make a mark for myself in the field of chemistry, and you may be sure I was working hard.

"In those early days, liquified carbonic acid agas was merely a laboraoutside of gun cotton, were comparatively unknown.

"It was in this field that I was working, and it was due to the premature explosion of a mixture akin to nitroglycerine that I think I owe my life. "Attending the university at the

time was a student by the name of Agathos, a Greek he certainly was, and his stupendous intellect made him always a welcome companion, in fact, he and I were quite chummy, and while I was not busy with chemistry, we were solving knotty problems concerning the construction of the universe.

"On the night that my hair turned gray," continued the doctor-glancing at the still raven locks of his wife who sat opposite, "I had kept the nature of my secret well, and not even my student friends knew the dangerous composition in the huge beakers which I was manipulating.

"I think the hour was 11 p.m., or thereabouts, and I was alone in the recesses of the main laboratory, busy with combination of nitrates and carbon, when hearing a step, I turned and saw the face of my friend Aga-

"Vainly I tried to cry aloud, but my jaws were as firmly locked as if rigormortis had actually set in. I tried to move, but I experienced only the horrible emotions of one about to be

"It was clear enough to me that he had obtained this fiendish idea from news columns or in any other part of an old Ionian manuscript, written in the paper; and, because, in the second the fifth century before the advent of Christ, clearly the work of a monk, by matters-they have the subject so tory experiment, and high explosives, name Koryphanos, for I had read the much in their minds. theorem time and again, and was surprised at its absurdity.

"Thus it was that I was somewhat prepared for the terrible operation to follow, which consisted of removing the epidermis from the entire vis-



of crashing glass I lost consciousness. | TRIBUTE TO YANKEE INGENUITY "Weeks and weeks, I am told, I

Chinese Paper Describes a Truly Won-

derful Invention. Admiral Dewey was a prominent figure at the Saratoga races. Usually he occupied a box. One afternoon a little party of farmers came up to shake hands with him and, naturally, the talk turned to agriculture.

"When I was in the Philippines," said the admiral, "an American resident brought me a Chinese paper. He said this paper would interest me because it contained an account of an American invention. Then, with a smile, he translated a paragraph that ran something like this:

"'The ingenuity of the yankee is typified well in a hen's nest that he has recently invented and patented. This nest increases the laying capacity "My once black hair turned to of the hens to an unlimited degree. snowy white, and for a long time af- In the bottom of it there is a trap door, governed by a delicate spring. The hen lays an egg, the weight of which causes the trap door to open, whereupon the egg drops down into a subterreanean compartment and the door closes very swiftly and silently again. The hen gets up, turns to look at the egg, but sees none there. So she decides that she must be mistaken in thinking she had laid, and she sits down again and deposits another egg, which, like its predecessor, disappears. The process continues indefinitely."

BLIND PEOPLE AS MASSEURS.

Occupation for Which They Are Peculiarly Well Suited.

An institute for massage by the blind, which is about to be started in England under a committee that includes many representative medical men, is not an experiment. It has been proved that the blind can become expert in the practice of massage, which in Japan is commonly recognized as their work. The occupations open to the blind are few and rarely remunerative. This difficulty is one of the gravest obstacles to the improvement of the condition of this afflicted class. There are already several blind masseurs in England. Blind students must obtain first-class medical certificates in an art which is daily more used, especially by surgeons in sprains and bruises, and masseures will be allowed to treat only women and children and masseurs only men. It is worthy of note that the blind are usually endowed with a sense of touch exceptionally fine, so that here, and perhaps here alone, is a field in which they may surpass their seeing fellows, massage being dependent for its success upon the nicety of its application, dependent in its turn on the nicety of the operator's tactile sense.

You and I. The winter wind is wailing, sad and low,

Across the lake and through the rus tling sedge; The splendor of the golden afterglow



For the Individual

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WHERE OTHERS GIVE UP IS JUST WHERE WE GET OUR SECOND BREATH. J.

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What should I know about law? I am the average individual, neither ordinary nor extraordinary, neither fool nor sage. During my business life I have occasionally consulted a lawyer, have had several lawsuits, and have learned some law.

A lawyer once told me that when he was studying in an office for admission to the bar, he thought of writing were his fees. The justice replied:

simply common sense. Some laws. no doubt, especially statutes, are based on error and wrong, but in the main they are "the science of social order and the perfection of human reason"

The best definition for law I have ever seen is the simple one: "Law is a rule of action." There are longer definitions, and those going more into detail, but none so general and comprehensive

In endeavoring to remember different distinctions in law I have found it useful to memorize certain apt phrases. One of the best I recollect is that of Justice Story, who, in referring to particular powers of government, says: "The difference between the departments undoubtedly is that the legislature makes, the executive executes and the judiciary construes the laws."

Some Legal Definitions.

Until I had my first lawsuit I always thought the pleadings in a case were the speeches of the attorneys; I then learned that they were not, but were in fact the preliminary written statement's of the cause of action for the plaintiff and the defense on the part of the defendant, and were entirely distinct from the forensic arguments of the lawyers. My first impression was that a good pleader was a good speaker, one who could convince a judge or persuade a jury; my later knowledge was that a good pleader was a lawyer who could properly state the case of his client on paper in legal phraseology and according to the legal effect.

Probably the shortest will ever written is that spoken of by Rabelais. It was as follows: "I owe much, I have Esthing, I give the rest to the poor." Lord Mansfield says: "There is nothing so unlike as a simile, and nothing more apt to mislead."

Judge Cooley defines a constitution as "The body of rules and maxims in accordance with which the powers of sovereignty are habitually exercised." Coleridge says: "A nation is the unity of a people."

A countryman once went to the of fice of a justice of the peace to be married. After the conclusion of the ceremony he asked the justice what an essay on "Popular Misconceptions | "Well, the law allows me \$1.50." 'Very well," said the countryman "here is 50 cents more, that makes \$2.00."

rewspapers, turn to the personal columns. This is because, in the first

"Young girls turn first to the society news and weddings, and after that to the fashions. Young men of the healthy, open-air sort, turn first to the

sporting news; while boys universally turn to this page, too. The actor, of course, reads the dramatic columns, and the writer the book re-

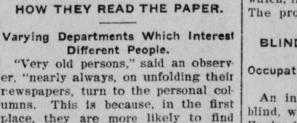
views; but neither of these departments, I fancy, does any part of the disinterested public consult first of all.

"The elderly gentleman of pompous appearance reads the 'leaders' first; while his corpulent, cheerful wife reads the recipes on the 'household' page. Some clergymen read the wills of the dead, to see what charities have been remembered with bequests. There are many people who read the crimes, the scandals and the shocking accidents first. Poets, as a rule, will not read the newspapers at all.

WHY SHE LIKED VENUS.

Housemaid's Preference Had Very Practical Basis.

"A practical point of view will in-Gleams through the blackness of the great yew hedge: fluence even an artistic judgment." And this I read on earth and in the sky said the lady with the Burne-Jones We ought to be together, you and I. chignon, "as I discovered the other Rapt through its rosy changes into dark



place, they are more likely to find news of their friends there than in the place, they are interested in personal

hovered at death's door with brain

fever, from which I finally emerged

alive, due to the skill of my nurse,

the lady you see sitting across the ta-

"There was scarcely a bottle or pane

of glass in the laboratory that was not broken to fragments, and thousands

of dollars' worth of fine instruments

atoms, and I am told it was with diffi-

culty that enough of his remains could

"When I recovered completely I was

placed in the sweat box by the facul-

ty to ascertain the cause of the explo-

sion; but as you may surmise, they

never learned the exact formula of

terward I would wake with a sort of

nightmare to experience the sensa-

tion of cold steel penetrating my vi-

very existence may remain in doubt,

but I still have the fifth century parch-

ment that came near sacrificing me to

the cause of science, and I never re-

gard its uncial text without a shud-

"The immortality of the soul, or its

be found to give decent burial.

that dangerous composition.

tals.

der."

"Agathos was blown completely to

ble there-my wife.

were rendered useless.

thos

"For some moments he watched me as I observed the thermometer in the A blinding flash, a jar that must have day when my new servant seemed to nitric bath, and then we engaged in conversation.

"Brown,' he murmured, 'I have today separated a new alkaloid, from the plant, coca-erythroxylon, and its effects on the human system are truly remarkable-here, try a dose; tasteof water, into which he dissolved a soul. fine white powder, and I have always regretted that I did so.

"The subtle drug paralyzed every muscle of my body and bereft me of the power of speech; I was like one in a trance; my intellect, howveer, was unimpaired-nay, even stimulated, and my eyesight was good, for all I could not turn my eyes in their sockets.

"It was at this juncture Islearped that I was alone with a madman!

"Deftly he removed the paraphernalia from an operating table, and lifting me bodily, I was soon lying on the marble slab, as if a subject for the clinic.

"'Now," I could hear him mutter, 'I shall soon test the material qualities of the human soul-but I must have those dissecting instruments;' and while he was gone I was engaged in the most agonizing reflections.

"I remembered that in all our previous discourse on life and immortality he had argued that the human soul, if there was one, was as materi-



"Here, try a dose; tasteless as water, I assure you."

al as the heart or lungs, or other organs of the body, and, being a close student of vivisection, he maintained the soul could, under proper conditions, be isolated and observed previous to its flight, at the exact instant | excess of heat. of dissolution. It was clear, then. that I was the subject chosen for this terrible experiment:

shaken the building to its founda- take such interest in the objects of tion.

the entire chest of everything but the intervening thin membrane, so the action of the various organs could be observed while the patient was yet alive. It was thus that Agathos expected to less as water, I assure you;' and, fool pry into the secrets of the Almighty that I was, I took the proffered glass and observe the transit of the human

It was clear the Greek was crazy. and it is a fact that insane persons always select their dearest friends for victims.

"At last I heard his footfalls swiftflanked on either hand with racks of phials, retorts and glassware of all kinds, and I could well see my finish. "I could discern the subtle odor of ether, and as he stooped over me, his

eyes burned almost with the fury of a lion!

"His next act was to deftly remove all covering from my chest and for an instant he listened attentively to the beating of my heart. Next he began to sharpen those murderous looking surgical knives, of which he had a goodly supply, and having completed this task to his satisfaction, he uncorked a large bottle of ether, the

only known anesthetic of that time, and began saturating a sponge with it, when a strange sputtering sound from the direction of the rack where I had been conducting my experiment. caused him to desist.

"Already I saw salvation in sight, for, as the student of even elementary chemistry knows, concentrated acids heat violently when they combine with other substances, even with water, and I knew the mixture of nitrocarbon (I was using the light hydrocarbon, turpentine, instead of glycerine) with powerful nitric acid, had gone too long without attention. An explosion was likely to occur at any moment.

"Anyhow, I reflected, I had much rather be blown to atoms than to be cut up piece-meal while yet alive. While the sputtering continued Agathos regarded it with an air of uncertainty, as if undecided what to do with the mess.

"The insidious drug with which I was charged-it must have been co- and the men in the same line like caine-was beginning to leave me, so her because she carries on her afthat I was able to partly turn, and I fairs in a businesslike way. am since thankful I turned my back in other woman broker, who has an upthe right direction, else I would have town office, is just as discreet and been blinded.

"Agathos was bending over my apparatus, which contained a full quart of substance more powerful and even more unstable than nitro-glycerine, when, the cooling bath not being renewed, it exploded by reason of the

that must have shaken the building to ished hardwood when at home. Atchits foundations, and amid the sound ison Globe.

art in my parlor as no maid of the many who have preceded her in the house ever showed. Pleased with her really intelligent interest in my pictures and bric-a-brac, I took pains to show her the best points of each object, and reaily I found the task a pleasant and unique experience. But I wish now that I had not asked her, as I did at the end of the impromptu

exhibition, which of the objects she liked best. "'This is the one I like best,

ma'am,' said Mary, pointing with her ly coming along the empty aisles. feather duster to the armiess Venus of Milo

"'Well,' thought I, 'this is getting more and more interesting. Here is Mary showing high artistic judgment.'

"'And why do you like the Venus best, Mary?' I asked, anxious to hear her estimate of the famous statue. "'Why, sure, ma'am, it's the aisiest

to doost!' replied Mary, and I hastily closed the private view."

The Knell of the Irish Joke.

Wherever the breezes carry The language that Shakespeare spoke, The chambers of progress echo The knell of the Irish toke. Wherever the sun is vying With the warmth of the Ceitic soul, From the belfries of truth, the dirges For scorn and for falsehood roll.

In a land that is strange in its humor, Ever comic itself in its mirth,

The jibe at the conquered and friendless, And the rough burlesque had their birth,

Like the plague that journeys in vessels. This tasteless derision spread, And the scorn of a realm then building Was heaped on the builders' head.

But the shackles on Celtic effort, The walls by the tyrant laid, After ages, at length lie shattered On the highways a new age made In the regions whose name should be 'Future

The dawn of a new day broke. As a mist from our race it is rolling The curse of the Irish joke. -Thomas J. Regan in The Pilot.

Women Brokers.

Two young women in New York have lately made a hit as stock brokers. One of them was a school teacher. Many women would rather deal with a woman broker when possible: The systematic. They are both making money.

The Latest Girl Fad.

The latest is a polished floor walk. Girls are so clever that even those who have rag carpets on every floor at home walk on the streets as if they "There was a blinding flash, a jar had to mince around on highly pol-

Fades all the west; and through the shadowy trees, And in the silent uplands of the park,

Creeps the soft sighing of the rising breeze. It does but echo to my weary sigh.

We ought to be together, you and I.

My hand is lonely for your clasping dear: My ear is tired, waiting for your call; want your strength to help, your laugh

to cheer: Heart, soul and senses need you, one and all

droop without your full, frank sympathy: We ought to be together, you and I.

We want each other so, to comprehend The dream, the hope, things planned or

seen, or wrought; Companion, comforter, and guide, and

friend, As much as love asks love, does though need thought.

Life is so short, so fast the lone hours

We ought to be together, you and I, -Unidentified.

Tipping at the Waldorf.

One of the stock stories about tipping is that of the waiter in a swell hotel sneering at a quarter and re marking to the giver, "I beg pardon; haven't you made a mistake?" A few nights ago, in the main dining-room of the Waldorf-Astoria, where tips range from a quarter to \$5, 2 Westerner (not John Watch-Me Gates this time) said to his two companions: "Watch me paralyze this waiter. He ain't worth a cuss: he hasn't showed us any extra attention and doesn't deserve a cent, but here goes."

The bill being paid and change placed before him in a plate, he handed the waiter a copper cent. As he and said:

"I beg pardon, haven't you made a mistake?" "Not at all," was the reply: "not

at all. You are quite welcome. I never

give less." Press.

Free Lunch for Women.

Usually the grocery department of the big grocery stores is thronged with women all day long. Many of them make a point of partaking of all the solids and liquids that are offered as samples. Yesterday one stylishly dressed woman was heard to say to her companion:

"Nonsense, my dear, don't be foolish! Of course, you needn't bring anything, unless you really want to. Why, I wander around here three times a week and manage to make a very substantial luncheon by going from one counter to another. The men don't mind taking a bite of free lunch in the saloons, and why should we not do likewise in the department stores?" New York Press

of Law," and asked the advice of his preceptor about it, who said: "Young man, you better write an article on 'Lawyers' Misconceptions of Law.'' The student's ready response was: "I believe that subject is too broad."

A Lawyer's Knowledge.

Some people believe a lawyer should know everything, and when they discover their lawyer does not, begin to look for another one. Such persons usually have as many lawyers as they have legal propositions lodged in their brains. Whenever the lawyer fails, so does their faith. They seem never to come to the conclusion that a lawyer should not be expected to know it all any more than any other person in his particular calling or business. Although a lawyer should not be

expected to know everything he should be expected and should know those things which will fulfill the purposes for which he is sought to be used by his clients. A legal author well says: "An attorney agrees that he possesses iat least the average degree of skill and learning in his profession in that part of the country he practices, and that he will exercise that learning and skill with reasonable care and diligence." Courts of Equity.

I always supposed a court of equity was a court of justice until I learned tto my sorrow that it was not. I asked my lawyer the real meaning of a court of equity. He said it was a court of chancery. "And what is a court of chancery?" "It is that side of the court as distinguished from the law side." "And how do you distinguish it?" "The difference between a court | ed to the legal adviser, who said the of equity and a court of law is that matter was such a perplexing one equity begins where the law ends, that equity reaches those cases the law days before giving his advice. 'B' expected, garcon turned up his nose does not, that equity takes jurisdiction then told his client he thought it anof those matters only where the law fails to provide a remedy." As I did as there was any cause for action. not fully understand his explanation The client thought otherwise, and he further said: "These courts of said it seemed plain to him that equity are an outgrowth of the Eng- where one man's sheep broke a fence lish common law. At an early day the and destroyed another's property the Waiter duly paralyzed .- New York only courts were the law courts, and law would give damages. The attoras in many cases persons were ney replied, "Well, you don't know. wronged, and the courts of law af- Do you see all these books? I have forded no remedy, it became the cus- looked through them all, and I find tom to petition the king for justice nothing about 'sheep,' 'rail fence,' to be done. These cases became so 'sap' or 'sugar trough.'" If he had numerous that the king finally re- known how to use his books he would ferred them to the Lord High Chancel- have found all he wanted under the lor, and he, in turn, feeling burdened head of "torts" and "trespass." by them, secured the establishment Causes of Legislation. of regular courts of chancery, from which we derive the term 'chancery,'

the case of a court of equity granting an injunction in a matter where a which would be an entirely inadequate remedy.

On Common Sense.

I have found law as a rule is found- , for a client

Secrets Always Kept.

Lawyers are as a rule, good to keep secrets. The ethics of their profession gives them training. Every conscientious lawyer must consider "his lips sealed with sacred silence."

"A maxim," says Bispham, "is the embodiment of a general truth in the shape of a familiar adage."

It is a principle that every wrong has a remedy. Even the smallest one is entitled to compensation. "The insignificance of the injury goes to the extent of the recovery and not to the right of action." To illustrate: In some cases one cent damages are awarded.

Law Index of Little Value.

I once asked an attorney whether an index of law could not be made such as those outside the profession could use. He said that an index might be made, and in fact many do exist, but that it could not be put to universal use because of the lack of knowledge of basic principles and familiarity of legal terms, and then told the following story: An owner of a sugar camp had the misfortune to have a neighbor who kept sheep. One night the sheep broke through the rail fence and drank the sap, upset the sugar troughs and otherwise played havoc in the camp. The owner of the camp went to a justice of the peace of little learning and plenty of books who had unfortunately been admitted to the bar. The case was statthat he must consider it for a rew wise to begin suit as he could not see

If lawyers were consulted more about preliminary business matters and which are called courts of equity there would be much less litigation. because they seek to do equity in This is well shown by the fact that those cases where the law fails to do there is so much more litigation here so." As an illustration he mentioned than in England, where every business man has his solicitor and scarcely makes a business move without court of law could only give damages | consulting him; while here the average man acts as his own lawyer. The old saying is no doubt true: "A man who acts as his own lawyer has a fool J. H.