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Is the hand that rocks the world.

Intancy's the tender fountain: Bowers may with beauty flow: Mothers first to guide the streamlet, From their souls unresting grow: Grow on for the good or evil, Sunshine streamed or darkness hurl'd For the hand that rocks the cradle Is the hand that rocks the world.

Woman! how divine your mission

Keep, oh keep, the young heart open Always to the breath of God.

Here upon our natal sod!

All true trophies of the ages
Are from mother earth imperiled: For the hand that rocks the cradle Is the hand that rocks the world. Blessings on the hand of woman! Fathers, sons and daughters cry. And the sacred song is mingled With the worship in the sky; Mingles where no tempests darken. Rainbows evermore are hurled;

A LAWYER'S STORY.

'I never would convict a man on

For the hand that rocks the cradle

Is the hand that rocks the world,

circumstantial evidence if I were a iuror-never! NEVER! The speaker was a distinguished criminal lawyer of nearly forty years'

active practice, and whose fame ex-

We had been discussing a recent cause celebre in which, upon purely circumstantial evidence, a man had been convicted of an atrocious murder, although many of those most familiar with the circumstances of the case entertained the gravest doubts about the justice of his con-

A TTORNEY AT LAW, Columbus | guilt, and case after case was cited frame, great force of character of Nebraska. N. B.—He will give | in which, after conviction and exe- more than ordinary intelligence. demonstrated. Most of the laymen she had had some dispute had hit present agreed with the distinguish- her on the head with a stone and

ons which will readily be appreciat- on the other side. men were arrested, committed to seen do the shooting. them were gamblers and despera- examination.

force of the testimony given upon the trial, and the subsequent result, nesses. it is important to bear in mind the physical peculiarities, dress, and genprisoners.

time of the murder, wore a white spectators entertained the slightest felt hat and an old light-blue army

overcost. Ryan was fully six feet in height, of robust frame, with black hair and moustache, dressed in dark clothes

and wore a black Derby hat. Grey was a heavy, broad-shouldered man of medium height, weighing fully 200 pounds, with a full, black beard reaching nearly to his waist. But as the evidence subsequently showed that he had not fired the shot it is unnecessary to describe

his appearance more minutely. Certainly it is difficult to imagine two men more unlike than Short and Ryan or less liable to be mistaken for each other even by strautended far beyond the limits of his gers, much less by their acquaintances. There was no possibility here for a case of mistaken identity.

Short and Ryan were tried together with their consent-Grey having asked for and obtained a separate trial-and each was defended by separate counsel. After the preliminary proof relating to the post mortem examination, viction, and had been swung off into the cause of death and the identificabore a bad reputation for chastity,

eternity, protesting his absolute in- tion of the body of the deceased as nocence with his latest breath and the person named in the indictment, calling upon God to send his soul the Commonwealth called as its first Rvan, in obedience to a ned from straightway to hell if he was not witness a woman, Mary Bowen. She As most of our party were law- but nobody questioned her integrity yers the conversation, naturally or her purpose to tell, reluciantly, it enough, drifted into a discussion of is true, the whole truth. The pristhe dangers arising from convicting oners were all her friends and were accused persons whose own mouths constant visitors to the drinking were closed, upon purely circum- saloon of which she was the propriestantial evidence, in the absence of tress. She was a woman of powerany direct and positive proof of ful physique, almost masculine guilt, and case after case was cited frame, great force of character and cution, the entire innocence of the From her testimony it appeared supposed culprits had been clearly that a colored woman with whom

ed lawyer whose very positive ex- ran, and the three prisoners, coming pression of opinion has been quoted, up at the moment, started with her while the majority of the lawyers up the street in pursuit of the fugicontended, with that earnestness for tive. Although the night was dark which lawyers are noted when ad- there was snow on the ground, and vocating their own side of any ques- a gas lamp near by gave sufficient tion, that justice could never mis- light to enable me to recognize a carry when careful judges guard person with ease some feet away. against the possibility of unsafe ver- After running about one hundred dicts by refusing to permit a convic- yards the pursuers came to the cortion except when every link in the ner of an alley and stopped under chain of circumstantial evidence has the gas lamp, being challenged by been established beyond doubt, and the deceased, who was in uniform, the whole chain has been made so in company with one of his squad. perfect and complete as to leave no She swore that when the corporal room for any consistent hypothesis called 'halt' Short, whom she had known intimately for years, replied, 'The first murder case I ever tried,' 'Go to h-l,' and, while standing at said one of them, 'was stranger than her side, so that their elbows were fiction, as you will admit, and is touching, both being immediately quite as remarkable as any of the under the gaslight, he pulled out a cases you referred to where innocent pistol, pointed it at the deceased. men have been wrongfully convicted | who was four or five feet from him, upon circumstantial evidence. It and fired and then ran down the ought to have been reported as an alley, the deceased pursuing him. example of the unreliability of the She heard four or five more shots direct and positive testimony of eye- fired, and immediately the deceased witnesses who tell what they believe returned, wounded, and Short disappeared. While the shots were He then related the main points of being fired she saw both Ryan and what was certainly a most remarka- Grey standing at the corner some ble and dramatic trial, and which feet away from her and after that constitutes a fair offset to some of they separated and she went home. tinetly: the memorable cases to be found in It was also proved that this alley every work on circumstantial evi- was bounded on either side by high dence. The narrative produced so fences, difficult to climb, and led strong an impression upon my own down to a stream of water about mind that subsequently, with his fifty feet wide and three or four feet consent, I put it into the following deep. No traces of footsteps were shape, having first carefully compar- found in the snow except those of ed it with his notes of testimony one man leading down into this taken upon the trial of the case. It stream, and it was evident that the can be relied upon as absolutely person who had fired had not climb-

correct, with the exception that I ed either fence, but had waded have used fictitious names, for reas- through the stream and disappeared ed when it is known that most of the The next witness was the soldier actors in the drama are still living: who stood close by the deceased all that had occurred, and when he none of the other sex, gained them One winter evening about eight when the first shot was fired and had finished his story there was ardent lovers, will not enable them o'clock, in the early days of the war, who, not knowing either of the pris- probably not a person present who in the quiet little town of ---, while oners, described the person who had patrolling the streets to pick up fired and ran down the alley as the stragglers from the camp on the out- man with red hair and side whisskirts of the town, Corporal Julius kers, dressed in a light-blue army Fry was shot and killed by one of overcoat and white soft hat, and three men of bad character, who upon being directed to look at the were in company and upon terms of three prisoners immediately identiopen enmity with the soldiers. The fied Short as the man whom he had

ter of the men and the trouble they down the alley, firing one shot after had already brought upon quiet, law another until he fired the last and on his knees, and at this moment the abiding citizens, the sentiment of the fatal shot almost in the face of the deceased struck at him with the whole community was against them. deceased. He also fully described sabre, cutting him slightly in the

occurrence, except the prisoners he ran, waded through the stream, eral appearance of each of the three | themselves, and, of course, they | and finding that he had lost his hat could not be heard. The case when he fell, retraced his steps, re-Short was a small man, of not against Short seemed to be as con- crossed the stream, found his hat, more than five feet six inches in clusively made out as though a score and then went to a hotel, where he height, slender, weighing scarcely of witnesses had sworn that they 130 pounds, with bright, fiery-red had seen him do the shooting. hair and side-whiskers, and at the Neither the judge, the jury, nor the doubt of his guilt, and when the Commonwealth, at this point, closed its case, it seemed as though the fatal rope was already around his

neck and his escape impossible. Ryan heaved a sigh of relief which was audible throughout the whole court room, for he was safe; there was not one word of testimony against him or any circumstance tending to show any previous arrangement or concert of action between him and Short.

After a whispered consultation between the counsel for the defense one of them rose and moved the court to direct the jury to forthwith return a verdict of 'not guilty' as to Ryan, in order that he might be called as a witness for the other prisoner. This was resisted by the District Attorney, and, after lengthy and elaborate arguments, the court decided that it was bound to grant the motion, and accordingly Ryan was declared 'not guilty' and the

verdict recorded. Then came a scene as dramatic to nessed on the stage. Without any opening speech by Short's counsei, his attorney, stepped out of the prisoner's dock and into the witness box, looked around the court room, took up the bible and was sworn to tell 'the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.' Every head was bent forward, every ear was on the alert, every eye fixed on the witness-something startling was expected. Would be attempt to show that Short had done the shooting in self-defense? That seemed the only thing possible. But how could be be believed in the face of the positive testimony of three witnesses, two of them living and in the court room, one of them dead-murdered

Ryan stood for a moment looking down, and then slowly lifting his eves to the bench, in a silence in which the falling of a feather might have been heard, he said: 'May I ask the Court a question?

The venerable Judge, evidently

surprised at being interrogated, look-

ed at him and said: 'Certainly, sir. 'I understand that I am acquitted, the rest of the family are eating said Ryan, pausing for a moment preakfast, as you might take cold. then continuing: 'I want to know from the Court whether anyelf as untidy as possible until your thing I may say now can ever be

What did he mean? What need for that question? Every one looked at his neighbor inquiringly. The flushed face of the Judge showed that he, at least, understood | go home. - Physiologist. what it meant-an attempt to swear his guilty companion out of the hangman's grasp. Then, in a tone of unmistakable indignation came

I am sorry to say, sir, that noth-

ing you may say now can be used

against you; that is, on a trial for

murder. You have been acquitted.

used against me in any way?"

Ryan's face grew pale and then red, and he said, slowly and dis-'It was I who fired all the shots-

Most of the faces in the court room wore looks of incredulity; some of indignation at the hardened wickedness of the man who had just been declared innocent and who, by his own statement, was guilty of murder, if he was not guilty of perjury.

But, quietly and calmly, without a tremor, as coolly as though he was describing some trivial occurrence which he had casually witnessed, Ryan went on, step by step, detailing ially attractive to the most impetwas not fully convinced not only that Ryan had told the simple truth, of the fidgety and exacting husbands, but also that he had himself fired the fatal shot in self-defense, or at least under such circumstances of danger as would have led any jury to acquit

the first shot from a small single- lady's chamber a few nights ago and prison, and brought to trial at the The testimony of these witnesses barreled pistol, in the air without next term of the Court. Two of was in no wise shaken upon cross any purpose except to give his challenger a scare, and then ran down was possible to commit such a theft does, and supposed to have more Then the sworn ante-mortem state- the alley and upon being closely without waking the owner of the than once had their hands stained ment of the deceased, taken by a pursued by the deceased with sabre hair. This shows what an old bachwith human blood. The third, whom | Magistrate was read to the jury. He drawn and raised to strike, he was elor knows about one thing and an shall call Short, though bearing an said that he had known Short per- compelled to pull out a revolver and other. The deluded man must supunenviable reputation, was regarded sonally for some time, but had nev- fire several shots towards his pur- pose that a fashionable woman wears as unlikely to slay a fellow man, ex- er had any difficulty with him. He suer, who was rapidly gaining on her hair in bed. The amount of cept under compulsion of circum- fully identified him as the man who him, to keep him back; and that ignorance in this world is truly stances. On account of the charac- had fired the first shot and then ran when he had but one shot left he deplorable.

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stumbled over a large stone and fell In order to clearly understand the the clothing worn by Short as it had cheek, and, being thus pressed, he been described by the other wit- simed and fired the last shot, which subsequently proved fatal. He furth-These were all the witnesses to the er told how, upon covering his feet, was seen by several witnesses to dry his wet clothing. His manner, his bearing, and his story itself convinced his hearers that he was tell-

ing the truth. But, so that nothing might be wanting if any doubt remained in the minds of the judge or the jury, witnesses of undoubted veracity were called who corroborated him as to the condition of his clothing and the cut on his cheek within fifteen minutes after the occurrence. Besides, it was shown that, although the man who had fired had waded through the stream, Short's clothing

was perfectly dry. It is unnecessary to say that Short was promptly acquitted and warmly congratulated on one of the narrowest escapes ever made by any man in court room. Nothing could have saved him had the court refused to direct the acquittal of Ryan and allow him to testify. The deceased corporal, the soldier,

and Mary Bowen were-mistaken. That was all there was about it. So much for the occasional unreiability of the direct testimony of honest eve-witnesses.

And so much, also, for giving the on the witness stand, the denial of which by the law is one of the relics of barbarism which still disgrace its administration in some States at this late day .- Lawyer XXX, in Philadelphia Times.

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in readiness for you, but you should not do anything for her. When your wife asks for money, give her a nickle; ask her what she wants with it, and when she tells

ou, ask her if she can't do without

it. Then go down town and spend

Your wife should have everything

en times the amount for cigars, for bey are a necessity. Go down town of an evening, stand around on the street corner and talk politics; its more interesting than to

stay at home with your family. Charge your wife not to gossip, but you can spin all the yarus you Have your wife get up and make ires, but don't get up yourself till

wife's health fails, then it would be best for you to fix up some, for in all probability you will want another when she is gone.

Wear old clothes, and make your-

Have a smile for everybody you meet but get a frown on before you

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Want of energy is a great and

common cause of the want of domestic comfort. As the best laid fire can give no heat and cook no food unless it is lighted, so the clearest ideas and purest intentions, will produce no corresponding actions without that power to all that is of value, which is, as it were, the very life of life, and which is never more necessary or available than in the matter of a family. Those who have it not, and many are constitutionally destitute of it, would do well to enquire of their experience and their conscience what compensating virtues they can bring into the marriage state to justify them in entering upon its duties without that which is so essential to their performance. They should consider that the pretty face and graceful languor, which, as it is often especto satisfy the innumerable requisi tions and secure the social happiness into which characters ardent and impetuous lovers are generally transformed. An old bachelor upon reading that

He had detailed how he had fired a burglar entered a fashionable stole her hair while she was asleep, remarked that he didn't see how it