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### An Overzealous Justice

E. W. Waybright of Denver told the following story to a New York Tribune reporter the other evening in the course of a talk about Abraham Lincoln and the men of his time: "Judge Foley of Lincoln, Ill.," said Judge Waybright, "was brought up in the shadow of Lincoln and Douglas. The judge once told me a tale that he had had from Douglas himself of a murder case in which the 'little giant' was once engaged. Douglas had just been admitted to the bar, when he was called upon to go down into the country, some thirty miles from anywhere, to defend a man accused of murder. The preliminary examination took place late in the afternoon before a backwoods justice of the peace, who wholly mistook his powers and authority in the matter. Under the English common law all that a J. P. can do in a murder case is, if probable cause or reasonable probability of guilt is shown, to bind the accused over for indictment by the grand jury, which, being done, the case itself must be tried by a petit jury. This was, of course, all that this J. P. could have done legally, but, as the event proved, he did not think so, and what was more, he came within an ace of making that thought stick.

"He broke suddenly into Douglas' argument with the words, 'I find the accused guilty and sentence him to be hanged at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning.' Douglas entered a strong protest. He showed the J. P. that he was exceeding his authority, and that if he hanged the man it would be neither more nor less than murder.

"He might as well have talked against or at the four winds of heaven. The J. P. was adamant, and at once supplemented his sentence by an order to the constable to see that it was strictly carried out and, to that end, to erect the gallows instanter. Douglas, beside himself, appealed to the leading storekeeper and explained how matters stood. 'Well, I dunno,' rejoined that worthy, 'the squire's powerful sot in his ways, and if he said Bill has got to hang I reckon Bill will have to. If I was you and really wanted to save him I'd employ a lawyer.' Douglas was quick to grasp the point, and asked where he could find a lawyer. The only one within reach was Jim Simmons, who lived some fifteen miles away, and in between was a stretch of as villainous roadbed as ever existed. The storekeeper, however, supplied a buggy and a guide, and Douglas started the ride. The 'wee sma' hours found the future 'Idol of the people' at Simmons' home, and that legal light was soon routed out of bed and the case explained to him. Again a demurrer and another, and more decided reference to the 'sotness' of the squire in his ways. Again more scruples and fears overcome, and the reluctant Simmons was at length persuaded to accompany and join Douglas in another attempt to prevent the threatened execution.

"'But, stranger,' protested Simmons, 'you're puttin' me to an all-fired heap of trouble, and I'll have to charge you right smart for it, especially as Bill orter be hung anyway.'

"'How much?' tersely queried Douglas. "'Five dollars!' rejoined the grasping Simmons, and with a gold piece of that denomination in his hand the twain started on the return journey.

"It was nearing 5 when they got back to the little backwoods settlement, and not a second was lost in getting the justice out of bed. In the worst of humors, he listened to luminous argument, and then, with a snap, reiterated his sentence. 'I appeal from your sentence,' put in the brilliant and desperate Simmons. Douglas said nothing. Simmons had no more right to appeal than the justice had to sentence. It was, however, no time for legal quibbles, or, indeed, for legal knowledge. The justice hesitated. 'Jim,' he finally said, 'you've got the right to appeal, and if you insist I'll have to put off the execution, but if I do I'll have to make you put up a powerful lot of money as bail for Bill—a d—d sight more than he's worth!' he wound up, testily.

"'How much?' said Douglas, automatically.

"'Well, stranger,' replied the justice, 'I'll have to have \$25.'

"'Douglas arranged for the bail, and 'Bill' was afterward legally tried by a jury of his peers and sentenced to the gallows, but the experience was not lost on the young lawyer. To his dying day Judge Douglas delighted to tell the tale."

### One on Polonius

Portland Oregonian: Polonius, behind the arras, heard the clanking of Hamlet's sword and began to shake.

At this the prince laughed merrily. "You're all right as a shaker, Polonius," he said, in his rich baritone voice, "but I am afraid that you'll be stuck this time."

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### Sausage While You Wait

Philadelphia Record: "Another new waiter has come and gone," said the veteran of the 15-cent restaurant as he deposited a beef stew in front of his favorite customer. "What was the matter with him?" asked the favorite customer. "Well, it wasn't exactly his fault," explained the veteran. "You see, the second day he was here a customer comes in and asks for a brace of Frankfurters. 'Sausage is all out,' says the new waiter, 'but if you wait awhile I think I can get you some.' He

was so eager to be obliging that he was going to send across the street for 'em. Well, sir, as he went through the door into the kitchen he happened to tread on the dog's tail. The dog set up a howl, and the customer yells: 'Hey, there! Never mind that sausage. I guess I don't want it!' Then he puts on his hat and goes out. The boss saw the whole thing, and that night the new waiter was paid off, and quit. Pretty tough, wasn't it?"

### Not Too Innocent

Town Topics: I thought of the good old question that visitors used to ask the school when I was a boy.

"Which weighs more, a pound of feathers or a pound of lead?" said I.

"They weigh the same. A pound is a pound," said the children.

"Correct," said I. "Now which weighs more, a ton of feathers or a ton of coal?"

"A ton of feathers," chorused they, showing that the innocent are not necessarily undiscerning.

### Pointed Paragraphs

Chicago News: Sneers are the weapons of a hopeless fool.

A man's disgrace can always be traced back to himself.

Sound sleep is usually the result of soundless sleep.

Oil and truth are bound to come to surface in due time.

Some men have a mania for doing nothing—and doing it assiduously.

In this world of strife a man must be either an anvil or a hammer.

Knowledge and timber should be well seasoned before being put to use.

Mind your own business—unless you are able to employ a private secretary.

It is better to say one word that counts than two that don't cut any figure.

Many a man's failure in small things is due to his being troubled with great ambition.

Some men sow a few seeds of kindness and expect to reap their reward with a mowing machine.

Many a man breaks his bills down town, then growls because his wife wants a little of the small change.

When a man postpones the pleasures of life indefinitely he is apt to find them missing by the time he is ready to enjoy them.

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