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THE COUNTY COURT ATTORNEY.

"And sometime showing a more swelling port,
Than my faint means would grant continuance."
[Shakespeare.]

Gaunt seems his back,—mean his comparison,
Lank the valise, which little hath therein;
For he his wardrobe bears his back upon—
The same doth reptile bight the terrapin—
And whilst for fees, he patiently doth wait,
Small is the stock within his pouch I ween,
Which he from dearest friend y' borrowed late,
With promise to repay, when prosperous his estate.

Quick he dismounts, and hides his wretched steed,
Lest sharp-eyed ridicule his blight should note—
Passing its ribbed seat withouten heed,
Upon that faded frame and rugged coat.
For none can rustic e'er esteem indeed,
Whose garb on rust doth poverty denote—
So giveth he the other, sly his need,
Exhorting him to see that nought his horse doth

Then wistfully he eyes a busy pair,
Where cutesy Ca. Sz. on roguish client winks,
And sighs to think a stranger he is there,
As he ponders, feels his heart to shrink,
At dreary view of path professional,
Thronged with pert clerk, or conyenge constable,
Deeming themselves for work too wise withal,
Yet thriving most where evils most befall.
Ah me! they little think the poignant woe,
Which man engaged in fostering wrong can sow.

And now, with cordial shake and lowly bow,
Some slight acquaintance he salutes profound;
Averts to jest, effusions with serious brow,
All vacantly he stares upon the ground,
Whilst, in his mind, he thinks if he may make
Some small percentage on his capital,
Which at some game of chance he faintly would stake,
And clean some luckless wight, or lose his little all.
But then, the risk of loss doth him appal,
And he desists, to hope where ruin may befall.

Thus he each court attends, until his garb,
Napless, and worn, with grease and soil bestained,
Awaits the jest which wouldeth like a barb—
Taunted that he his suit hath long retained.
A dingy white, his casar meets the shower;
A jewel midst his faded finery
Sparkles, and relic of far happier hour,
Whilst his wan cheek and almost fearful eye
Tell how base pride doth jest with misery.

But harpy creditors, who once had deemed
His early promise must bear golden fruit,
Fear that his fortunes are not what they seemed,
Haste the sharp axe to lay upon his root.
His farm, by friendly aid erstwhile redeemed,
Supports his sisters twain, in good repute;
But this alas the ruthless plunderer rive,
Casting those forth on charity to live—
Ne on a dish so cold may any soethly thrive.

Hard is the law to him, who hath no tongue,
Ne glistering brass, whereon to write his lore;
Who scorns the art, which may voluble harangue,
And all those parts, which may applause procure!
Thus, looking in his breast the pride which strug-
gles, sore,
Tortured by shame and indignance conjoined,
What boots to chronicle his fortune more?
Low singing 'neath the eaves which wring his
mind,
He whiskey vile will drink at cost of any low-bred
Virginia.

From the N. O. Delta.

JOINT OCCUPATION:

THE WHOLE OR NONE!

A case came before the Recorder yesterday, involving a point, if not precisely like, at least bearing a strong similitude to that at issue on the Oregon question; with the difference, however, that this grew out of domestic relation, whilst that has had its origin in our foreign relations. A little carrot-colored haired Irish woman, with a bonnet that had been knocked into a checked hat, laboring under no pressure from without by a buccidee, or no distortion of shape from a busile, occupied a chair in the Court, in a parallel line with the bench of the Recorder. She appeared to labor under considerable excitement, and not being furnished with that fashionable article of refrigeration—a fan—she made a substitute for it of the corner of her shawl, which she nimble plied to and fro, in the vicinity of her face. On the side-seat sat a man with a round red face, a rather extensive mouth, a liberal supply of teeth, and a quiet but humorous blue eye. His chin rested on his left hand and his elbow rested on his knee. He seemed to gaze on his old hat, or caubens, as intently as a fortune-teller would at the lines of one's hand, chewing his tobacco quid and the quid of bitter fancies at the same time.

"Terrence Toomey?" said the Recorder, a few moments after we entered the office. "O, in thought then he's here," said the lady. "O, in the broken bonnet," looking as quiet and payable as if butter wouldn't melt in his mouth."

"Here, sur," said Terrence, for such seemed to be the name of the man whose passive position we have just described—"Here, sur," said he, as soon as the silence of the lady in the battered bonnet would permit the Recorder to hear him.

"Nancy Toomey?" said the Recorder. "Oh, isn't that me?" said she in the broken bonnet, "and sure it was the sorry day to me iver I laid me two lookin' eyes on the blackguard there, that give me such a name; and if it wasn't for the sake of the poor childer, sure a d—l a meal of vittles I'd iver eat in the same house wid him."

"Silence, madam," said the Recorder; "you are charged before me with disturbing the neighborhood you live, last night, and it would now seem that you mean to disturb the Court, also."

"Mrs. Toomey—" And I'd like to know, your Anher, if I could help it? I'd like to know if yourself had three small childer, and one of them in the measles and another at the breast, how you'd like your lawful husband to be comin' in to you iver night at 12 or 1 o'clock, after bein' out gallivantin' the whole night wid the Lord knows who. How'd you like that I ax you?"

The Recorder told Mrs. Toomey that he was unable directly to correctly appreciate such a position, and at the same time informed her that any domestic difficulties under which she might labor was no justification for her disturbing the quiet of the neighborhood in which she resided.

"Oh, it's all very well for you to talk so, Recorder, jewel," said Mrs. Toomey, "but a Saint from Heaven couldn't stand the doin's and carryin' on of that decayin' blackguard. Where did I catch him when he sed he was goin' to John Donaho's wake, tother night, but as coasey as you playse, sittin' beside Mary Moore in Brien Mooney's back parlor, and a smokin' pitcher o' whiskey punch before them. Wasn't that party conduct for a married man and the father of a family? Wasn't?"

"Stop, Madam," said the Recorder, "the present charge has nothing to do with what took place in Brien Mooney's back parlor. Let me hear what Terrence has got to say. Terrence, stand up and state what was the cause of the disturbance last night between you and Mrs. Toomey?"

"Well, 'pon me sowl, sir," said Terrence, "I believe it would be asyier to howld on to a Leprechaun than to do that, for if I know what was the cause of it no more than a man in the

moon, may I be a mile-stone. Nancy gets into the *traum* betimes, and when she does, she's like Larry Neal's wild cowl (colt)—there's no stopping her."

"O, neighbors!" said Mrs. Toomey, "witness that; listen to the *caracther* me lawful husband gives—"

"Be silent, I say," called out the Recorder, imperatively. "Go on, Mr. Toomey, and account for the disturbance."

"Well, your aner, as I was sayin'," continued Terrence, "there's no accountin' for it." Begushty she was cummin' the Oregon game over me. When I cum in I wanted joint occupation of the bed, of course; but behowl me, bowld Nancy was as valiant as Senator Hannegan himself, and nothin' would playse her but the whole or none; and as I was determined she shouldn't have the whole, she bouces out of bed and begins to create a hubbub in the street, till the watchman cum and took us both up."

The Recorder told Nancy that the assertion of one's rights when the claim of exclusive possession was clear, was very laudable, very commendable; but that, in this case, he saw no doubt to the joint proprietorship of Terrence. He should, therefore, dismiss the case; but he warned Nancy that, if brought before him on any similar charge, he should certainly hold her to bail. Nancy left the office not at all pleased, apparently, at the decision of the Court.

* According to the prevailing belief such in Ireland as believe in Fairydom, the *Leprechaun* is of a diminutive species of supernatural beings. He knows where vast amount of treasure is hid, and will tell if you can keep your eye on him, but if you remove it for a moment he vanishes.

OREGON.

The editor of the New York Herald wrote from this city on the 26th to that paper:

"I am perfectly satisfied from every thing I see and hear, both at Washington and amongst the people that if the Oregon question is not settled during this session of Congress, the difficulties of settling it hereafter, will be increased, and will inevitably lead to the utter impossibility of accomplishing it under any other basis than that of 54 40. If this question shall remain an open one, and be thrown before the people at the elections during the next year, it will not be in the power of any government of the United States to settle it on the basis of compromise."

The editor of the Herald is not mistaken—he has not misinterpreted the signs of the times.

If the people will not send a Congress here, to succeed the present one, we asked to compromise short of 54° 40', why, we inquired, should the question be settled on less than that limit now? We have long asserted that this Congress was pledged to maintain the right of the United States to the whole of Oregon—pledged, by the Baltimore Convention issues, to which the entire democracy of the Union assented—then why should these pledges be forfeited? If the people, in the approaching election, will not elect members to settle the dispute short of 54° 40', how dare any body of men, acknowledging the right of the people to govern them, do an act now, which they know will violate the public will? A compromise of this dispute at this session, conceding any part of Oregon to the British, will involve the country in war beyond peradventure. —Washington Times.

"TIS FOUND AT LAST."

Under a flash medical cut bearing the above inscription, used by the independent disciples of Esculapius to give *ecclat* to some of their nostrums, the Natchez Free Trader publishes the correspondence between Gov. Brown of Miss., and Mr. Secretary Walker, in relation to the "lost commission."

It was said that the Governor enclosed a Senator's commission to Mr. Walker for the Hon. Jacob Thompson, which he (Walker) withheld from its rightful owner, because he was not pleased with the Governor's appointment. The fact is, the commission was sent to him before he had resigned the seat himself, to be delivered to Mr. Thompson, only in a certain contingency, which Mr. Walker conceived had not occurred. The Governor clears him of all blame, so does Mr. Thompson, so do the people of Mississippi; and if the Whigs hereabouts have no greater interest in the matter, we hope they will do the same. —Dem. Recorder.

A CURIOUS TALE.

The Worcester Massachusetts Transcript publishes a story, the scene which is laid in that town, in substance, that a party of students had flown upon a certain night when a subject was to be procured them for dissection. The arrangements were completed, the subject procured and the party were in high glee. A young gentleman, the gayest among them, had already taken the scalpel, and raising a corner of the sheet, looked for the first time upon the lifeless form of the subject. He had scarcely done so, when he uttered a wild, piercing shriek, and fell senseless upon the floor. That swoon had well nigh proved fatal. During the interval of an hour, he was several times partially recovered by his terrified companions, but as often did his eyes wander to the table with a ghastly stare, as if some horrid phantom were there, and as often, too, with a thrilling groan, did he sink back insensible. At length, by means of various restoratives, he was recovered, more dead than alive. A few broken sentences explained the occasion of this sudden denouement.

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