

LEGAL ANECDOTES.

Wise, Witty, and Pungent Sayings of Bench and Bar.

The writer remembers hearing of a gentleman who, not wishing to pay the legal and recognized fee for a consultation with his lawyer, devised an expedient whereby he expected to gain the information he required without the usual cost. He accordingly invited the man "learned in the law" to dine at his house on a particular evening, as a friend and old acquaintance. The lawyer gladly accepted the invitation, and attended at the house of his friend and client prompt to the minute. The conversation for some time was very general and agreeable, and by and by the shrewd client, by hinting and suggesting, at last drew the lawyer out into a learned and explicit dissertation upon the subject the host wished to be informed upon. The client pleased, satisfied, and smiling, chuckled in his sleeve, thinking how nicely he had wormed out the advice desired and pumped his lawyer free of cost.

The feast over, the lawyer departed, equally pleased, and, both being satisfied, all went as merry as a marriage bell. But a few days afterward the client received a letter from his lawyer informing him that the charge for professional consultation and advice was 13 shillings and 4 pence, and would he "kindly attend to the payment of same at his earliest convenience, and oblige."

The client was wild-caught in his own trap; but, being determined to outwit the lawyer and gain his own ends, he forwarded to the latter a bill for "dinner, wines, and accessories supplied" on the 16th inst., amounting to 13 shillings and 4 pence, saying that if he would settle inclosed bill he should only be too pleased and happy to settle the lawyer's little bill. The lawyer retorted by threatening to commence an action against mine host for selling wines without a license unless his, the lawyer's, bill was immediately paid. Do I need to say that the lawyer was victorious?

When I was a boy, I heard of a lawyer who was called up in the middle of a cold winter's night to draw out the will of an old farmer who lived some three miles away, and who was dying. The messenger had brought a cart to convey the lawyer to the farm, and the latter in due time arrived at his destination. When he entered the house he was immediately ushered into the sick-

MISSING LINKS.

A movement is on foot to erect a statue of Gen. Robert Toombs, at Atlanta, Ga.

China has 563 books on behavior, 361 of which refer directly to the ceremonial of dining.

At Penobscot, Me., a poster announcing a church festival had this postscript: "No flirting allowed."

Dan Rice, the one time noted circus clown, is lecturing in Texas, and is said to receive \$500 a week for his oratorical ground and lofty tumbling.

Grace Hubbard, a graduate of the Iowa University, has adopted the profession of civil engineer and is employed by the United States government survey in Montana to make maps.

A revolver in a glass case, surrounded by pictures of beats and surmounted by the motto, "Pay or Pray," aids a Nebraska photographer in conducting his business on the cash plan.

Ex-Senator Bradbury of Maine, who served with Webster, is 82 years old, but has a firm step and bears few marks of great age. He was a college mate of Hawthorne and Longfellow at Bowdoin.

Judge Noah Davis was asked to write an opinion in favor of a proposed marriage-license law. His answer was: "I believe true public policy requires that marriage should be made easy and divorce next to impossible."

Hereafter all the Chinese going over the southern division of the Grand Trunk Railroad will be passed in bond, and the conductors will be held responsible to see that none of the Mongolians are allowed to stop in Canada.

Boston experts criticize Howell's last story, where he gives a carefully elaborated scene in a police station, but represents the captain as asking the young woman who makes a complaint to him what her age, height and weight are.

The cost of suppressing locusts in Cyprus since the British occupation amounts to over \$30,000. But the government engineer states that, large as the expenditure has been, it is certain that it has already been recovered by the island many times over in the value of the crops saved.

A discussion going on in Boston as to who is the oldest living member of the Masonic fraternity in New England has brought forth the names of several who have belonged to the order for more

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