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A JUDGE'S STORY.

"Should a lawyer defend a man charged with murder when he knows been committed. the man to be guilty?" This question led to an animated discussion, which, after some two hours, was brought to an end by the judge suddenly exclaiming. "Do you see that man!"

The banchers turned their faces in the direction indicated by the speaker witness just in time to see a tall, lank man in chabby attire leave the building.

Before a word was spoken by any of the curious benchers the judge said, as though musing to himself, though in a tone loud enough for the others to hear:

"Strange that I should see that man just at this moment and when we were discussing a question that he could have answered. His life, like mine, has been a failure; but, thank God, my rebitter as his are. He ruined his career ness, 'Step down. as a lawyer by defending a man who murder.

"Tell us the story," exclaimed the some known as the proctor.

"He was ruined." began the judge, "by his ambition.

"Ambition." suggested the solicitor, with a genial smile on his kindly, clean shaven face, "is responsible for much good and much evil. It is ambition man?" that has made wrecks, legal driftwood, of many of us. We have dreamed of great deeds in our profession; we have builded fairy castles in the air, while and his niece?" others have by hard work succeeded. I

"The story, the story!" exclaimed several of the benchers.

The judge, thus nrged, told his story: "Some 40 years ago it was that I entered the anall courthouse in a small judge. town in the western section of New York. Court was in session, and the hush that had fallen upon the crowd in the room was oppressive. Nothing was beard at that time but the ticking of the clock and the breathing of the spec- man her uncle did not approve of." tators. The presiding judge was looking up some legal question in the law Peterkin, who, with an expression of of 42 days. She kept all the begging books before him. The rapt attention borror on her face, sat crouched up in letters received during that time, addof the jurces and the eagerness of the her chair. Every one in that courtroom ed together the amounts they asked counsel caused me to realize that a trial seemed to realize that the testimony al- for and then discovered that had she of more than ordinary interest and im- ready adduced against the prisoner at granted each individual request for portance was in progress. I asked a bystander what the case on trial was. He that just brought out against the girl. 600,000. And this, be it remembered, gazed at me in surprise for a moment. The prisoner at the bar was pale and in a short period of six weeks. Harand then exclaimed, 'You must be a trembling and, I thought, an object of stranger in these parts?'

plaint in an action of ejectment." " 'This,' replied my informant, 'is a

murder trial, and there, he pointed in the direction I was to look, 'is the man who will certainly hang." "I looked at the prisoner at the bar.

He was a good looking young fellow ness. about 25 years of age. There was something in the expression of his pale face that convinced me of his guilt.

page after page of the law books I learned the details of the crime."

the flask the proctor handed to him

and then resumed:

outskirts of the town, one morning two and seemed about to faint. months before the day of the trial, John Peterkin, a wealthy old man, who the lawyer, who was seen to press his had been, it was said, in the habit of hand to his heart. keeping large sums of money in his house, was found murdered, shot in the Blank, 'and don't let that woman,' inback. The murdered man had been dicating Mary Peterkin, 'leave this seated when he was shot, for his chair room. was overturned just as he had fallen from it. Peterkin, who was about 67 withdraw my plea of not guilty. I am form. We thought she would die, I years old, lived alone with his niece, a guilty!" pretty girl about 18 years old. She it was who discovered the murder. When silence, reigned supreme. Finally the she had sufficiently recovered from her judge said, 'Do you appreciate your ularm, the niece, Mary Peterkin, aroused the neighbors.

"At first it was thought that the but when the police discovered that the like to say a few words. safe, the door of which was unlocked and half way open, contained \$1,750, and that the old man's watch had not or, but not from desire for gain. It was been taken, that theory had to be aban- done in a moment of anger, just anger, doned. For several days the case was a and for the sake of my dear old mother. mystery. Then it came to the knowl- Years ago my mother, so that she might edge of the chief of police that Hascall pay some debts I contracted while in Renidder, the only son of a widow, college, mortgaged her farm-the home whose father had been postmaster of where she was born, the home that she For sale by G. A. Harding, Druggist. the little town, had been seen around went to as a happy wife, the home the house and had spoken unkindly of where I was born-to old Peterkin.

-agid the judge, "the trial judge, whom gage. That was the day I killed him. I we will call Blank, looked up from the pleaded with him, but in vain. He inlegal books and said, 'I will admit the sisted he would foreclose the mortgage. testimony objected to.

the law questions I looked at Mary up and simed at him. He wheeled desired. Peterkin. She was seated in the rear of around in his chair toward his desk, and the courtroom and was an exceedingly the bullet entered his back. pretty young woman, the pallor of her refined face illumined by large blue prisoner several times pressed his hand eyes. She was in deep mourning, which but enhanced her beauty.

" Proceed, axclaimed Judge Blank, saked Judge Blank,

"The witness on the stang-a ponce officer—then testified that he had found person, remarked Judge Blank. a small revolver with an ivery handle in some bushes just outside of the window of the room where the crime had

" 'Were there any marks on that revolver?' asked Horace Dash, counsel for the prisoner, the man I just pointed

out to you. " 'Yes,' replied the witness.

"What were the marks?" " 'The initials M. P.,' replied the

" 'Did you ascertain who owned that pistol? asked Lawyer Dash. " 'Yes; Mary Peterkin."

"An exclamation of surprise went around that little courtroom. Mary Peterkin started up in bewilderment and then fell back into her chair.

" 'Silence in the courtroom!' exclaimed Judge Blank.

"With a face paler than that of either the prisoner or the niece of the murdered man. Lawyer Horace Dash. grets, though many, can never be as counsel for the prisoner, said to the wit-

had confessed that he was guilty of an who had formerly been employed by tenses has been recently told. The old Peterkin as a housekeeper. She was truth. There was a malignant expression on the face of the counsel for the prisoner when he asked the witness: " 'Do you know Mary Peterkin?'

" 'I do,' was the reply.

" 'She is the niece of the murdered

" 'She is,' replied the woman in a

" 'You once lived with the dead man

" 'Did uncle and niece ever quarrel?' " 'Must I answer that?' asked the eld woman, turning toward Judge

" 'You must,' sternly replied the

" 'Yes. They quarreled,' faltered " 'What about?' asked the counsel

for the prisoner. " 'She-Mary-wanted to marry a

the bar was as nothing compared with abject misery. Then the thought flash-"I am, I replied. 'I have just come ed across my mind that he might be inhere from New York city to file a com- nocent. It was evident that Lawyer Dash was struggling with himself when he asked the next question.

" Did you ever hear Miss Peterkin threaten her uncle?"

" I heard her say once that she wished he was dead,' replied the wit-

"With a moan of anguish Mary Peterkin fainted. The prisoner started of 52 spiral grooves, cut one-twentleth forward and, despite the efforts of the "While the trial judge turned over bailiffs to restrain him, exclaimed:

"This is a shame. I am guilty, and that man'-pointing his finger at Law-Here the story teller took a nip from yer Horace Dash-'knows that I am.' " 'What does this mean?' asked

Judge Blank, addressing the prisoner's "I learned that in his house on the counsel, who was leaning on the table

" 'I don't know, your honor,' replied

" 'Let the trial proceed,' said Judge

" 'Stop!' exclaimed the prisoner. 'I

"For a moment silence, oppressive position-that I can pass sentence of death on you?'

" 'I do,' replied the prisoner, with a

" 'Proceed, sir,' said Judge Blank. " 'I committed the crime, your honold Peterkin. Renidder was put under Each year since then she paid to him usurious interest. Finally there came a "When I had learned this much," day when he would not renew the mort-He called my mother a vile name. "While Judge Blank was reviewing saw the revolver on his deak, picked it

> "While he was telling this story the to his left side and mouned as if in pain.

" 'Have you anything else to say?'

" 'Yes; I want to say, explained the prisoner in gasping tones, 'that after I had retained that lawyer'-pointing to Horace Dash-'I told him I was guilty: that I wanted to plead guilty. He for bade my doing so. Said it was a splendid case. He would acquit me and cover himself with glory. He said he would ask no fee. I urged that I was guilty.

sented to the plea of not guilty. "Again the prisoner placed his hand to his heart and with an effort said I could not save my life at the expense of an innocent person, and that person

but he said he could clear me. I con-

a woman. I am guilty. "He sank back into a chair, and Judge Blank turned to Horace Dash.

the prisoner's counsel, and asked: What have you to say for your

" 'I did my duty-my plain duty. said the lawyer. 'As I understand it, it is a lawyer's duty to defend his client and to acquit him as best he can'-

" 'Not at the expense of an innocent

" 'I maintain it is,' replied the lawer. 'Although a prisoner may confess guilt, he may be innocent. He might be insane when he confessed. He might be actuated by a desire to save at the expense of his life a guilty per son. He might'-

" 'I am guilty!' shouted the prisoner. 'I did it. I did it. I'-

"He fell backward on the counsel's table, gasped, and after a few convolsive movements attempted to rise, fell back, twisted half around, and his soul passed to a higher tribunal. Judge Blank, after ascertaining that the prisoner at the bar was dead, said. 'I ac cept his plea of guilty.

The teller of this story then added "The man who so strangely pressed be fore me today was the prisoner's law yer. He never prospered at the bar His career was ruined with the case which he keped would earn him fame. New York Sun

He Worked the Grocer.

A true story of a dog found guilty "The next witness called was a wom- of obtaining goods under false preanimal is very fond of crackers, and exceedingly nervous, and her voice has been taught by his owner to go trembled when she swore to tell the after them himself, carrying a written order in his mouth. Day after day he appeared at the grocer's, bringing his master's orders for crackers until the clerks became careless about reading the document. One day the man came in and complained that he had been charged for much more crackers than he had ordered. There was quite a dispute over it, and the next time the dog came in the grocer took the trouble to look at the paper. It was blank; and further investigation showed that whenever the dog felt a craving for crackers he hunted up a piece of paper and trotted off to the grocery store --Atlanta Constitution.

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