

Checking the Witness.

The young lawyer was determined that if vigilance could accomplish anything the case would be decided in favor of his client, and so when the careful old man went upon the stand for the defense the attorney leaned forward, prepared to fight every inch of the way.

"Mr. Johnson, the plaintiff," said the careful old man, "said that if I would buy the house he would get Mr. Gimpson to relinquish his lease. He said he thought Mr Gimpson would agree to go. I guess—"

"Never mind what you guess. We don't want any hearsay or guessing. Your honor (to the court), I object to this witness' testimony. He is guessing at what he says. We want facts."

"Excuse me," said the old man. "I was about to say I guess at nothing and insisted on the understanding being established in my presence. So the two men got together with me on hand, to listen to what they said. I understand—"

"Objected to as incompetent. Your honor, we don't want to know what this man understands was done. We want what he knows was done. We want—"

"One moment," said the careful old man. "I was about to say that I understand ordinary conversation with some difficulty, and so that there might be no error I insisted that they yell out their propositions in loud tones, which they did until you could hear them in the middle of the town. I am informed—"

"Your honor," cried the young attorney, "is our time to be taken up listening to hearsay evidence? He does not know. He was informed that such and such was so and so. What we must have is what he knows about the trade and whether or not he—"

"I am informed on real estate values, having been a real estate agent all my life," the old man said, "and I knew what the worth of that lease was to the holder of it. Knowing the facts, I would fix his damages at \$78.32. I believe—"

"Objected to as a conclusion and as incompetent. What any man believes is not necessarily good proof. I don't want to know what you believe, but what you know. We must insist on your telling what you know and not what you surmise or what you conjecture or what you think or what you imagine. A courtroom is not a place for exploiting what a man believes, but what he is sure of. I think the court will support me in saying that we don't want to know what this man believes, and the young lawyer looked confidently at the justice.

"I was going to say," said the witness, "that I believe that is all."—Chicago Record.

The Name of Oregon.

In "Reminiscences," edited by Rev. Louis Verhag, of Baker City, reference is made to the derivation of the name Oregon, and after giving the theories advanced by other writers, he says: Since all the derivations of the name of Oregon are mere conjectures, and no one can tell whether its origin comes from an Indian or other language we deem it not entirely out of place to give on this occasion our own inter-

pretation of Oregon. It is a well known fact that the Dutch, chiefly in the 17th and 18th centuries, were great navigators. Tasman [1602-1659] is known to have made two important voyages of discovery in the Pacific Ocean, one in 1629, the second in 1644. To him belongs the honor of having discovered several of the Bonin islands, Van Dieman's land, and many other places in the Pacific Ocean. Now, would it be impossible that in his travels he could not have touched this region and meeting here with an abundance of Oregon's mist, so frequent along the coast, he exclaimed: "Oregon [i. e., oh, rain!]" and hence the derivation of the doubtful name given to our great and daily progressing state of Oregon.

The New Maxim Gun.

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Danger To Be Avoided.

"Sa a y!" said the tough looking customer to the bartender, "gimme a jigger of your red-hottest red liquor, and gimme it quick!"

"Not here," said the bartender. "You can't get any juice here, pard. The best thing you can do is to shut the spile right off. Quit, and quit sudden."

"Dasn't do it. It's dangerous to health to stop sudden."

"Aw, come off! Dr. Pillsbagg says there ain't no danger at all in stoppin' a man's liquor sudden."

"Aint hay?" Guess he didn't know Bill Deeptank, of Guzzly Gulch. Bill wanted his p'ison regular an' often, an' had to have it. Aint any danger in stoppin' a man's liquor, hay? Then see what happened when the bartender at the Gulch stopped Bill's liquor t'other day. Bill's liquor was stopped too sudden. He died on the spot.

"What! Bill Deeptank dead? First I heard of it."

"Bill dead? No. 'Twasn't Bill as died. It was the bartender. See?"

The bartender saw and put out a bottle of his hottest red.

The American Field gives a list of the largest packs of hounds in Great Britain and Ireland. The largest pack of all contains 90 couples—180 dogs—and is main-

tained by the Blackmore Vale. This pack is run four days in a week, but, of course, not all the dogs are used each day. John Watson, master of the Meath, an Irish pack, has 64 couples, running five days a week, making it one of the hardest working packs in the kingdom. The Badminton, owned by the Duke of Beaufort, has in it 75 couples, which are hunted on five days of the week. Another pack that hunts five days of the week is the Belvoir, and it has 64 couples. The four days-a-week pack requires from 50 to 60 couples. The Duke of Buccleuch and the Earl of Eglinton keep the largest packs in Scotland, the duke maintaining 57 couples and the earl 50 couples.

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