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# Laws Are So Numerous That We Become Bewildered

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WHATEVER may be the reason, law with us is not held in as high regard as it should be. I do not mean simply law in its narrow sense, as the punishment of petty offenses or the mere routine administration of justice, essential as both are, but I mean law in the BROAD SENSE of general and willing conformity to the well settled teachings of our experience as embodied in those rules which have been established for the regulation of our social and industrial relations.

It must be admitted that the somewhat lax attitude of our people toward law in certain of its aspects is NOT WHOLLY WITHOUT CAUSE, and, though this cannot be excused, it can at least be partially explained by the way in which many of our laws are made. Along with obedience to law must go wisdom and moderation in the making of law.

But it too often happens that laws are PASSED IN A HASTY AND SLOVENLY MANNER, with no proper study or consideration and with little or no thought for their effect on the general welfare.

EVERY YEAR SEES THOUSANDS OF NEW LAWS PUT ON OUR STATUTE BOOKS, MANY OF THEM INSPIRED BY PARTISAN OR PRIVATE MOTIVES, UNTIL THE CITIZEN IS BEWILDERED AND DISCOURAGED BY THEIR VERY MULTIPLICITY AND BY THEIR PERPLEXING AND OFTEN CONTRADICTORY PROVISIONS.

When this process has gone on for a considerable time RESPECT FOR ALL LAW IS IN DANGER OF BEING WEAKENED. So, while we appeal for a FULLER AND MORE THOROUGH OBEEDIENCE TO LAW, we must couple with it an appeal for more sane and conservative and patriotic methods in the making of laws, for MORE SIMPLICITY in their construction, for a material reduction in their number and for the highest standard of ability and integrity in our judiciary.

### HIS CODE MESSAGE.

It Wasn't Quite So Mysterious as He Intended It to Be.

The frequency with which revolutions occur in Latin American lands makes them "anybody's game," and as a result of this many persons without experience either in conspiracy or battle are likely at any moment to find themselves conspirators and warriors. One of these novices at the gentle art of "revoluting" is the hero of the tale which follows, a favorite in a certain South American republic.

The novice in question, having suddenly acquired a violent distaste for the president of his native land, rushed away from home in a great rage and enlisted in the revolutionary ranks. The next thing he knew he was detailed to raise troops in a certain district.

It was explained to him that he must envelop all his acts in dark secrecy. In order the better to accomplish this the revolutionary commander told the novice that whenever he felt called upon to pen a dispatch he must couch it in the terms of a code, so that government officers might not guess the meaning of any dispatch if it fell into their hands.

The novice promised to follow instructions to the letter. A few weeks later he had collected a force of soldiers and desired to acquaint revolutionary headquarters with the fact. Taking his copy of the code from his pocket, he duly noted that "cow" was the code word for soldier and "eigar" the one for rifle.

He sat down and wrote a dispatch. It fell into the enemy's hands. It was conceived in these cryptic terms:

"I have the honor to report that I have 200 cows and 150 cigars, but the cows have no shoes and the cigars no bayonets."—New York Times.

A Good Work. Edith was light hearted and merry over everything. Nothing happened to her seriously. So one day her mother decided to invite a very serious young person to dinner, and he was placed next the light hearted girl. Every thing went well until she asked him: "You speak of everybody having a mission. What is yours?" "My mission," said the parson, "is to save young men."

"Good," replied the girl. "I'm glad to meet you. I wish you'd save one for me."

Two Wedding Texts. John Quincy Adams and John Hancock, "the signer," married two sisters, the daughters of a noted Methodist divine in Connecticut. John Quincy was a favorite with the old people, and Mary's choice was approved by them.

So when the bans were published the parent said, "Mary, if you will furnish the text I will preach you a wedding sermon." She was equal to the task and gave the text, "Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken from her." Needless to say that justice was done to the occasion and the text.

Not so with Margaret, who in the meanwhile was receiving the attentions of her John in a very inexpensive way, as far as her parents were concerned, for it is said that "he never crossed his legs under their festive board." So, when the bans were published she said to her father: "Father, you preached a wedding sermon for Mary. Cannot you preach one for me?" He at first demurred, but at last consented and called for the text, when Margaret, who was equal to the occasion, said, "And John came, neither eating nor drinking, and yet ye say he hath a devil."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

### Gave Him Due Credit.

Sir James Scarlett, the great English lawyer, when practicing at the bar had to examine a witness whose evidence promised to be damaging unless he could be previously confused. The only



"I HAM," REPLIED MR. TOMPKINS, vulnerable point of the man was said to be his self esteem.

The witness, a portly, overdressed person, went into the box, and Scarlett took him in hand. "Mr. John Tompkins, I believe?" "Yes."

"You are a stockholder?" "I ham," replied Mr. Tompkins, with a pronounced cockney accent. Scarlett regarded him attentively for a few moments and then said dryly, "And a very large, well dressed ham you are, sir." The shout of laughter which followed completely disconcerted Mr. Tompkins, and the lawyer's point was gained.

The New Arithmetic. My income is thirty-three hundred, and this is the way it is spent: Twelve hundred for eating and drinking and treating; And nearly nine hundred for rent; For dressing twelve hundred suffices, Although that's a little bit small, While servants' high portions and doctors' extortions Make up, say, a thousand in all. We must go away in the summer, And that costs eight hundred, let's say; Five hundred will measure the money for pleasure. Including the opera and play; And then there's—but just stop a moment Before I allow for my bets. I've cited quite clearly six thousand or nearly— Well, most of it's paid for—in debts! —Puck.

Recreations of the Troglodytes. "No, Crotaulus," said the owl, "I shall have to refuse your invitation to visit you in your cave. It would be bad politics." "Well, I'll bite," said the rattlesnake. "Why would it be bad politics?" "It would be running socialism into the ground." "Ladies and gentlemen," croaked the horned toad, "the renowned Kansas Jim, the last prairie dog on the ranch, will now sing the pathetic ballad 'Why Does the White Man Follow My Path Like a Goldarned Sleuth on the Trail?'"—Chicago Tribune.

Troubles Past. Doesn't you remember Dat hot wave long ago? Cheer up, sinner! We g'inter hah some snow. Sun it come a-scorchin' An' blazin' throo de trees. All j'ine han's in thankfulness. I speak it g'inter freeze. Doesn't you remember Dat drought in las' July? Cheer up, sinner! Dar's hailstones in de sky! All dem sunshine troubles Is certain foh to quit. What you been a-wishin' foh Is what you g'inter git! —Washington Star.

Up to Date. "I believe in commission government," announced Bobby. "What do you know about commission government?" asked his father, turning to him in surprise. "We discuss it in our debating society," he said, "and I bet ma and the girls would vote to recall you any time I started to agitate."—Buffalo Express.

Everywhere Peril. There's peril in a dry broom; There's peril in the dust; There's peril in the old well, In a bucket red with rust; There's peril in the drinking cup; There's peril in the air; The specialists they warn us There's peril everywhere. Some peril, like a nightmare, Is ever 'fore our eyes— There's peril in the fright caused By peril shouting guys. —Kansas City Star.

Allee Samee Melican. "Well, Wun Lung," says the customer, "I suppose that you are going back to China to help organize the new republic." "No," snarvelly replies the laundryman; "I wait until the new republic is organized, then I go back and organize a laundry trust."—Chicago Evening Post.

The Has and the Are. I'd rather be a could be If I could not be an are, For a could be is a maybe, With a chance of touchin' par. I'd rather be a has been Than a might have been by far, For a might have been has never been, But a has was once an are. —Ladies' Home Journal.

Concealment. "Why don't you wash your hands?" "I don't dust," replied Plodding Pete. "Some of dese palmists say dat if dey kin git a good squirt at de lines in yer hand dey kin tell yer character."—Washington Star.

Unappreciated. Said the bride: "Here's my first batch of biscuit! Just wait—from the oven I'll whiskit!" "How the poor woman cried When her hubby replied: 'Let it burn! I don't think I should biscuit!'" —Philadelphia Press.

An East Prussia Custom. Midsummer day, or St. John the Baptist's day, is a festival of much importance among the Masur peasant girls in east Prussia. On this day they each make a wreath, and each in turn tries to throw her wreath so as to lodge it on a fruit tree. A girl must keep on throwing until her wreath stays in the branches, and the number of attempts is supposed to indicate the number of years she will have to wait to get married. When the girls are thus engaged the young men of the village stand around chaffing them when they miss. The Masurs are Poles who live in that part of Prussia which was once part of Poland.

Helps Him In His Work. Mrs. Penfield—My husband has found a way by which he says I am of the greatest help to him in his literary work. Mrs. Hillaire—How nice that must be for you, my dear! But how are you able to do it? Mrs. Penfield—As soon as I see him at his desk I go into another room and keep perfectly quiet until he has finished.—Puck.

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