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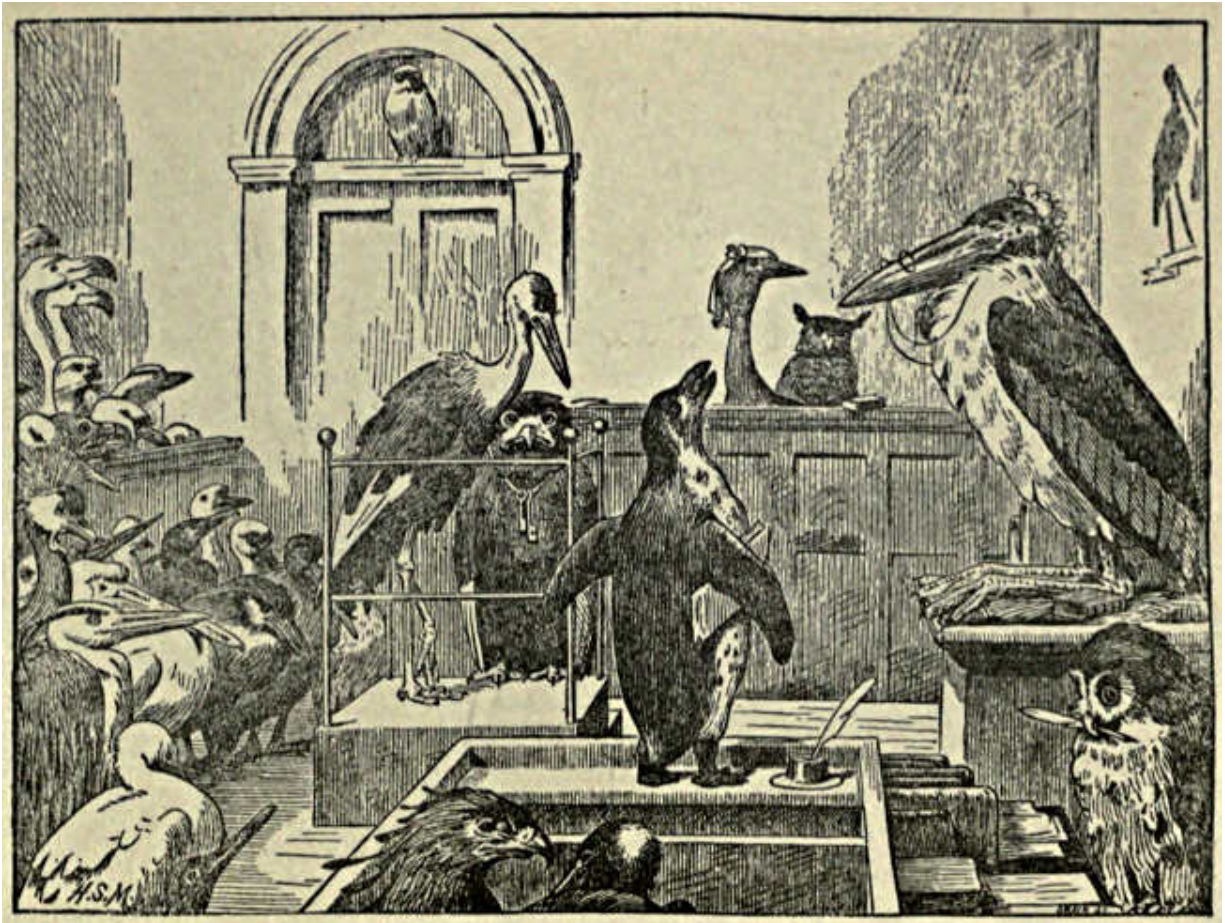
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**STATING THE CASE**

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Mr. Punch has done his share towards bringing about various law reforms. We find him hammering away continually for many years at the Law's delays, its costliness, its inconsistencies, and the evils he has satirised, the inconveniences he has laughed at have largely been remedied. He makes fun of the jesting judge and the bullying barrister, while he is genially amusing at the expense of the timid and blundering witness, and the youthful vanity or elderly pomposity of members of the bench and bar. He is rightly bitter now and then when he touches on the comparatively light sentences inflicted on audacious, but wealthy, swindlers, and the comparatively heavy penalties exacted from lesser, poorer, and more ignorant burglars and pickpockets; but in the main he devotes himself to the lighter side of law and justice and the professions that are concerned in its administration.

Here and there you come across echoes of famous law suits—of the Tichborne trial, the Parnell Commission; here

and there you have reminders of Bradlaugh's fight to get into Parliament without taking the oath; of the days when London was agitated by the Fenian scare and valorous householders were sworn in as special constables, and again when everybody passing into the law courts had to open his bag that the policeman on duty might be assured that he was not carrying a bomb inside it.

The reading matter is particularly apt and good; not a little of it was written by barristers in the intervals of waiting for briefs, and the writers were thus intimately acquainted with the grievances they ventilated, and were often suffering the hardships of the briefless themselves when they sat down to make fun of them.



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## **OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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NOVICE.—(a) Don't, unless you want penal servitude for life. (b) Any respectable burglar. (c) We do not answer

questions on chiropody in this column.

HARD UP.—*Brougham on Conveyances* will explain whether your contract to purchase the motor-car is binding or not.

FARMER.—It is either an “escrow” or a scarecrow; impossible to state definitely without further information.

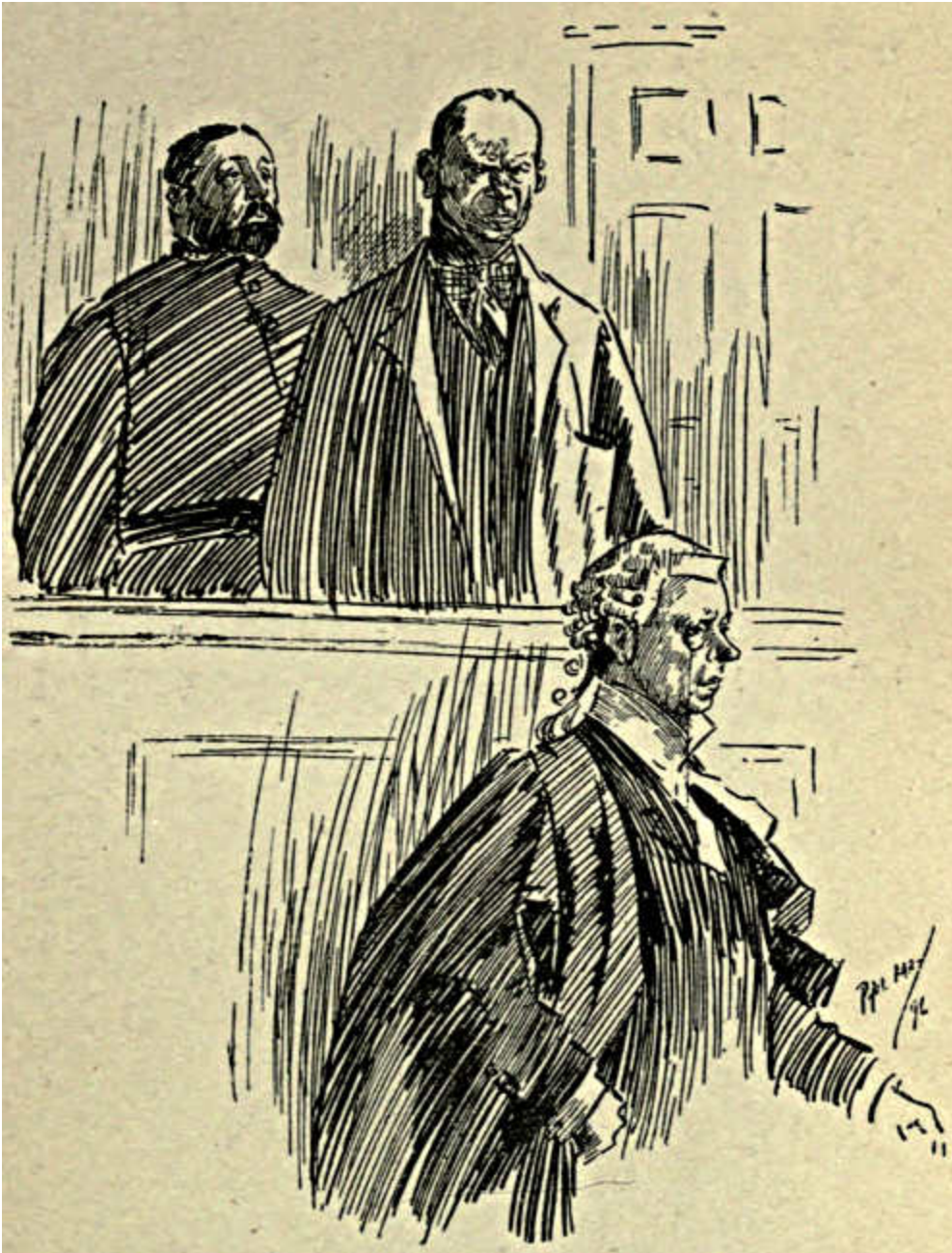
B. AND S.—There is no reduction (of the fine) in taking a quantity—generally the reverse.

TRAVELLER.—By travelling in the manner you describe, viz., under the seat, you render yourself liable to “stoppage *in transitu*,” and to completing the rest of your journey on foot “*in custodia legis*.” The authorities on this point are very clear. See *Constable’s Reports*, P.C. X. Y. Z., Vol. XIV., pages 72-85.

JUSTICE.—If the defendant lost, you, being plaintiff would win, and *vice versâ*. Consult a solicitor.

STUDENT.—Can only spare space for half your questions. “Aggravated assault” explains itself, an assault which aggravates or annoys you. “Damage fesant,” a badly shot pheasant. “Simple larceny,” taking an empty purse out of a pocket in which a sovereign is lying loose. “Misdemeanour” is of course the demeanour of an unmarried woman, or in plainer language, the airs she gives herself.

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“Gentlemen, I am ready to admit that his career in the past has not been free from blemish——”

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A BRIEF EXISTENCE.—A barrister’s.

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THE LETTER OF THE LAW.—The “letter of the law” must be x. It expresses a quantity that is unknown.

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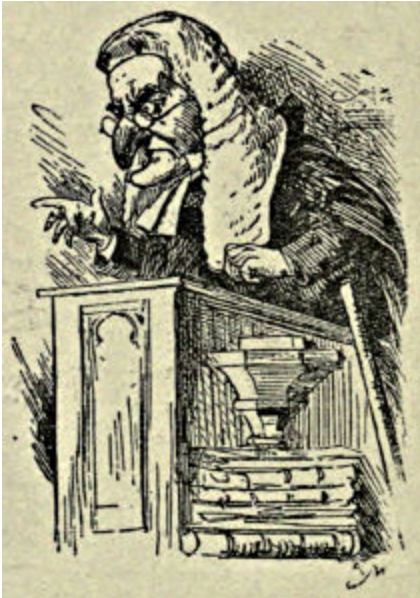
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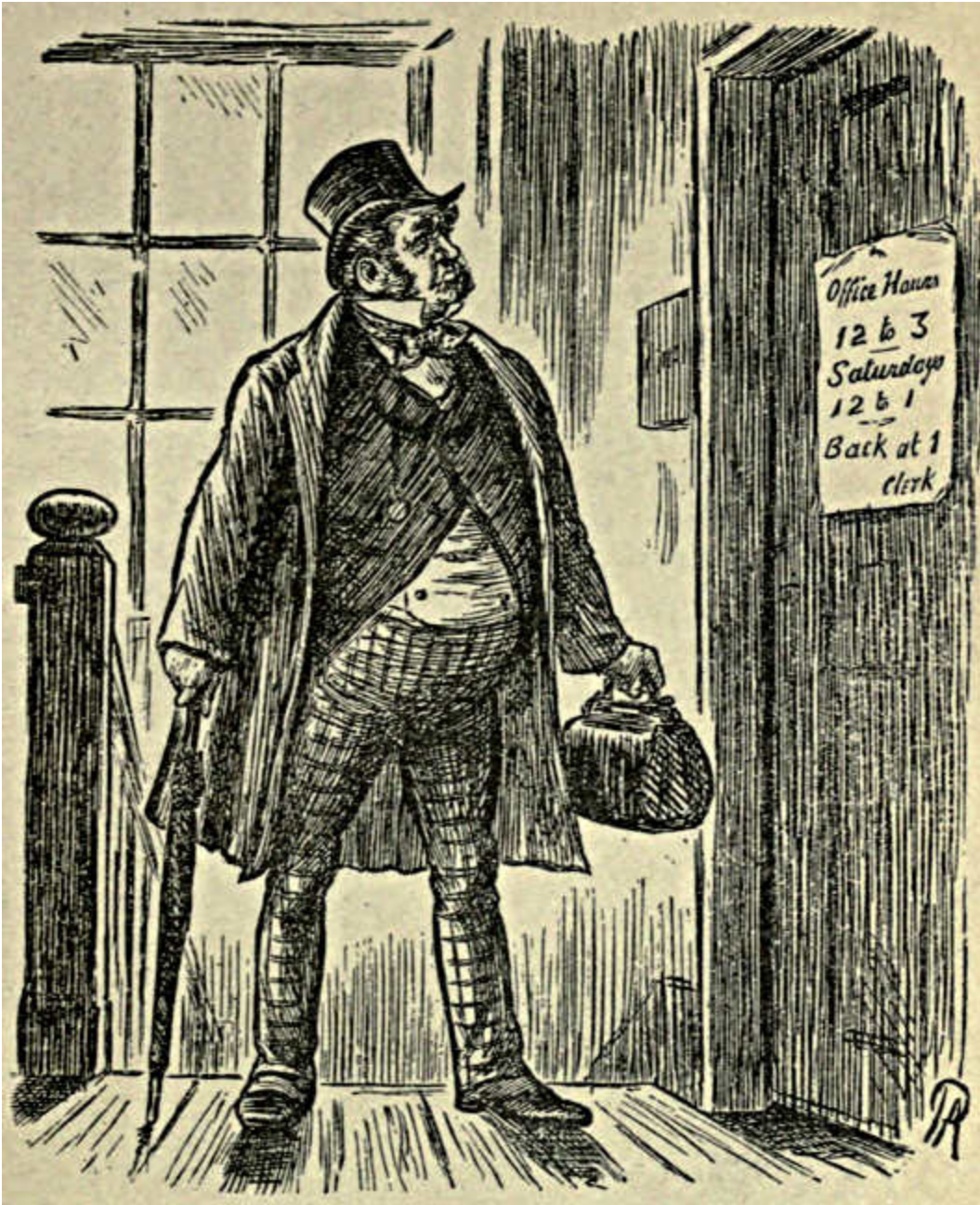
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HOW TO MAKE USE OF “THE BLOCK IN THE LAW COURTS.”—Try wigs on it.

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GOOD LEGAL SECURITIES.—De-Benchers of Lincoln’s Inn.





"WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY"—

Mr. Blazer, K.C., returns unexpectedly to his chambers in the middle of vacation.

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## THE BAR AND ITS MOANING

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I am watching, I am waiting,  
And my hair is growing grey,  
For it is exasperating,  
That no business comes my way.

Other men in briefs may revel  
When successfully they plead,  
I am only a poor "devil,"  
Often worked but never fee'd.

E'en the bank-clerk in the city  
Has a salary that's small,  
But we juniors, more's the pity,  
Don't make anything at all.

Living still on false pretences,  
Since the truth we dare not own,  
Some not earning their expenses  
If the facts were truly known.

And meantime the years are flying,  
Bringing changes p'raps for some,  
Not for me tho'; I'm relying  
On the practice that's to come.

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LEGAL MEM.—A barrister is only invited to sit on the Bench  
when he has had some considerable amount of standing at  
the Bar.

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"A WINDING-UP CASE."—A watch's.

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PROBABLY THE NEXT ABSURDITY

In ladies' winter costumes.

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“Never miss a chance of ingratiating yourself with the jury, even at the expense of the judge.”

(An opportunity often occurs after lunch.)



“Always laugh at the judge’s jokes. It is not upon such an occasion that his lordship observes that he *will* NOT have the court turned into a theatre.”