Witness-Box Wit.

REPARTEE WHICH COVERED THE LAW-YERS WITH CONFUSION.

In England there is a society for the protection of witnesses from bullying during examination. Rev. J. P. Bacon Phillips is its agent, and he tells a great many humorous stories of witness-box repartee. Some of the persons of whom these stories are stated evidently, had no need of Mr. Phillips' society.

On one occasion Sir Frank Lockwood was defending a man in Yorkshire who was accused of stealing cattle, or " beasts," to use the north country term. One witness for the prosecution declared he beheld the whole transaction from afar.

"Now, my man," quoth Mr. Lockwood (as he then was), severely, "you must be extremely careful in your statements. You say you watched this affair for some time. Tell me, now, how far can you see a beast to really know its points?"

"Just as far off as I am from you, master," replied the yokel, earnestly. And the great lawyer subsided.

There was a civil action in the law courts some time ago, mainly concerning money matters. The plaintiff stated calmly in the witness-box that his financial business had always been satisfactory.

a truly pompous air and inquired if he had ever become bankrupt.

Plaintiff said he had not. "Pray be careful, sir. Remember, you are on oath. Do you mean to tell the court you never stopped payment?" "Well," was the reply, "now you

come to call it to my mind, I believe I did on one occasion."

it presently." And the counsel took a long draught of water, in an impressive and theatrical way. " Now, sir, when did this happen?"

" After I had paid all my debts," was the crushing reply.

The court fairly shrieked with laughter, and the judge laughed too, while the usher was so stricken with merriment that he was unable to restore or-

place between counsel and witness in a | tected by law." disputed will case. " Did your father give you no part-

ing admonition ?" " He never gave much away at any

time." "I mean to say, what were his last words ?"

"They don't consarn you."

"They not only concern me, sir," said the lawyer, severely, "but they concern the whole court.'

"Oh, all right," was the reply. "Father said: 'Don't have no trouble when I'm gone, Jim, 'cos lawyers is the biggest thieves unhung." "I can teach you law, sir, but I can-

not teach you manners," said an exasperated counsel to a small, meek witness.

The latter quickly replied: "That is so, sir," and the people laughed consumedly.

The offensively familiar witness is a sore trial. The dignity and erudition of the most eminent lawyers are thrown away on him. In an important case recently heard in the Chancery division a loquacious witness was asked the question: "What sort of a man was he?"

The reply came swiftly: "Just an under-sized, red-faced chap like your-

Trapped the Officer.

A little time ago a tradesman who carried on business in a large provincial town happened to see a man whom he knew to be an Inland Revenue officer prying into his shop window. After satisfying his curiosity, the officer entered the shop, notebook and pencil in hand, and thus addressed the proprietor:

"Mr, Robins, I understand?" "Yes, I am Mr. Robins."

"You keep a trap, I believe?"

"That is so." " Have you a license for it ?"

" I have not." " Had you a license last year ?"

"Then why didn't you take out a li-

cense?" "Well, I didn't think it was needed." "Oh, indeed! How many does your trap hold ?"

"When it's full, five."

" And how many wheels has it?" " None."

"None! Why, what sort of a trap is it ?"

"Oh, it's a mouse trap!"

The officer beat a hasty retreat, fol lowed by the loud laugh of the mischiefloving Mr. Robins.

Clerk-That young Binks is outside, sir, who made application. Shall I put him to work? Employer-Yes, let him begin at \$9

a week. Clerk-But he's a college graduate.

Employer-Well, in that case, start Lim in at \$3.

The Robin.

ITS VALUE AS AN ORCHARD BIRD HAS BEEN CLEARLY DAMONSTRATED.

The San Jose (Cal.) Mercury declares that the value of the robin as an orchard bird has been clearly demonstrated by experiments upon the large fruit ranch of George W. Cozzens in the Willows, near San Jose. Mr. Cozzens has for some time past believed the appearance of robins in an orchard was more beneficial than detrimental, on account of the habits of this insectivorous bird. Its custom of locating in this section only in the winter months, when the trees are bare and at the time when the borer and other worms were beginning their most deadly work upon the trees, was much in their favor. When the trees began to blossom and when other insectiverous birds picked at and injured the blossoms, the robin had disappeared to a more suitable climate in which to engage in its worm gathering occupation.

Early this season Mr. Cozzens gave strict orders prohibiting any shooting upon his place. As a consequence the robins soon discovered this harbor of safety from sportsmen and gathered upon the place in large numbers. They were not allowed to be molested or frightened in any manner and soon became very domestic in their actions. Counsel for the other side rose with | Four or five weeks ago Mr. Cozzens began to dig about his fruit trees for the borer and canker worm. The robins would gather in the immediate vicinity large numbers, and as soon as the Room Paper and Picture Frames dirt was thrown back from the root of a tree and the workmen had advanced to one or two trees away, they would settle in the excavated place and hunt diligently for any worms in the vicinity. "Ah, I thought we should arrive at | They would invariably find the hole in which the borer had entered the bark of the tree and draw out the pest and consume it. Examinations of the trees which the robins had visited found them entirely free from worms. This process of excavating to facilitate the search of the robin for insects damaging to fruit trees had been progressing upon Mr. Cozzens' ranch for about five weeks, and had convinced this orchardist that the robin is a valuable bird to the fruit The following amusing passage took grower and one which should be pro-

Fertilizers for Apple Orchards.

Potash is a most important fertilizer for the orchard; it promotes growth, improves the flavor of fruit by causing an increase of sugar and decrease of acid, and it improves the color of the fruit, and this is very important in apples intended for market. Apples draw heavily on the soil, and especially on this element; 100 barrels of apples are said to draw more heavily on the soil than a crop of 50 bushels of wheat. For fertilizing purposes, in 1,000 pounds of wood ashes there are 60 pounds of potash, worth 7c. per pound, or \$4.20; 20 pounds of phosphoric acid at 5c. per pound; 700 pounds carbonate of lime, value not counted; value 1,000 pounds wood ashes, \$5.20. A bushel weighs about 60 pounds and is worth 30c. In 1,000 pounds complete fertilizer there are 70 pounds nitrogen worth 20c. per pound, or \$14; 30 pounds potash, at 7., or \$2.10; 60 pounds phosphoric acid at 5c., or \$3; total value, \$19.10, or nearly 2c. per pound. In 1,000 pounds of stable manure there are 5 pounds nitrogen worth 20c. per pound, or \$1; 6 pounds potash at 7c. per pound, or 42c.; 21 pounds phosphoric acid at 5c. per pound, or 42 c.; total value, \$1.64, or one-seventh of a cent. per pound. Wood ashes, besides being low priced, also have a very beneficial effect on light soils on account of their mechanical action .- Farm and Homes.

Rural Miscellany.

Plan to grow more grass and clover. Study the requirements of the soil as well as of the market.

Select the crops with respect to their adaptability to the farm.

Colts should be trained to walk fast before attempting to improve them in any other gait.

On the farm, as in any other line of business, it is an item to save labor and economize time.

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