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Two Weary Jackasses Dragging a Wagon of Costs Heavier Than the Hay They Were Fighting About—A Reform of Our Judicial System Accomplished by a Bargain—Soliloquy of the Hayforked Public Who Gets Sense.

Capt. A. T. Hunter added considerably to his reputation for giving wisdom humorous expression by his recent address before the Canadian Club of Toronto, on the "Higher Hayforkism." There was a large attendance. The faces of his audience were continually in smiles, which deepened into explosive laughter with every second of third sentence. Capt. Hunter said:

"In a moment of weakness on Saturday morning I was surprised by the head of your formidable association into consenting to give a short talk to-day on some subject of interest to myself. The shortness of the time and my own lack of familiarity with some branches of the matter have prevented my putting together one of these consistent and systematic essays which are necessary before the public can decide whether the matter is of present importance.

His Solemn Word.

"I solemnly assure you that the disconnection pertains rather to the form than to the substance. I was never more sure of an idea and never more in doubt of my ability to express it. I also admit an apprehension that you will regard my talk as merely academic truth.

"The subject of to-day, 'The Higher Hayforkism,' is a branch of the great American science of applied altruism. One well known variety of it has for its object the legislating for others to improve their morals without inconvenience to ourselves. An early form of it was noted by Hudibras when he spoke of those who

'Compound for sins they are inclined to,
By damning those they had no mind to.'

Brute Stupidity.

"The persistence of this practice has led the Mayor of Chicago to term the work four-flushing—a word of very obscure derivation and probably having something to do with the science of hydraulics. Four-flushing is not my subject to-day, because it is not prevalent in Canada.

"When we make a law in Canada we have the brute stupidity to try and enforce it. But there is some trace of it here when a whole solemn Parliament passes an anti-cigarette resolution and then laughs. A suggestion of it appeared also in some recent high-sounding and truculent clauses in certain temperance resolutions.

"Hudibrastic brotherliness, legislating for one's neighbors, is based on the desire to do unto others as we would have them believe they can do unto some one else.

Essence of Hayforkism.

"There is another branch of this science of applied altruism which we can conveniently term 'hayforkism.' You will remember that the essence of all those hayfork transactions of low repute was that the farmer was induced to sign a contract, not so much by the argument of the agent as by an artful implication that he could skin somebody else. If only he could nail his neighbor's hide to the barn door! And the neighbor was brought in through his desire to do a little taxidermy on his own account, and all the other neighbors to the third and fourth concession line. All an application of the principle which leads us to do unto others as we would have them believe they can do unto some one else.

"A low, vulgar application of it is the green-goods game, by which some Napoleon of finance parts with his substance for a package of paper appearances. That familiar object lesson of the beater beaten will disappear only with the long course of the ages. The authorities could stamp out this particular form of it by printing paper money in red ink on blue paper. The genuine hayforkism is on promises to be eternal.

The Higher Hayforkism.

"Anything that brings a man into contact with the police and juries is apt to be low and elementary, and just as there is a higher finance that gives protection to the Standard Oil magnate, so there is a higher hayforkism that gives protection to its votaries. The clergy as long as they stick to their profession generally suffer by it, and when they break out into the business world they sometimes get even.

"The profession that is in the most unsettled state is that of the stock brokers. It is hovering on the verge between high and low hayforkism. Stock speculation is intrinsically hayforkism, but as the intended victims are impersonal, the shares imaginary, and the profits, where there are any, are not accompanied by letters of protest, the wickedness of the scheme is not brought home to us until we are wiped out.

"A losing bet becomes a mortal sin and we become repentant and re-generated.

"There are men who would like to do something to the brokers but they would not like to get into the witness box. In the meantime the brokers are entitled to write H. H. (higher hayforkism) after their names.

Plumbers Are Immune.

"The only profession entirely free from forkism is that of the plumbers. They neither give you mercy nor do they hold out hope. If you do not like their little ways you can go back to the farm. They own the city.

"Having dealt with the others, I come to my own profession, than

which during all the ages there has not been a more indefensible or more formidable body of men. On every charter issued, every foot of land deeded, every contract made, the lawyer collected fees. Would it be possible to even suggest that a body of men so learned, so respected, so eloquent, should be suspected of the higher hayforkism.

"Let us look at the facts. We derive the great body of our law, the externals of the profession, from Old England. In England they have their barristers and solicitors, very distinct vessels of righteousness. In Upper Canada they are generally one inside the other. Dealing with them, there is what is known as the clients. The word is of immense antiquity. It was old when M. T. Cicero practiced law. And in Rome in his day, as in England and Canada until a very recent date, the fees of counsel were supposed to be voluntary. The result was that Cicero became very well to do.

"Another branch of the higher hayforkism was solicitors' costs, apparently a purely Britannic growth. They were encouraged by wise statesmen, with a view to preventing the accumulation of great estates.

"You will observe that I am approaching the subject gradually. I now approach that branch of the law of costs, which entitles the lawyer to be elected dean of the higher hayforkism. I refer to party and party costs.

Is Justice Free?

"There is no more beautiful doctrine than that justice is free and the courts are open to the poorest in the land. While the honest citizen, contemplating the beauty of this abstract principle, feels the need of an appeal to the courts to get a declaration of his rights, the higher hayforkism nudges his elbow and whispers in his ears. 'You have a good case. Your opponent is wrong and will have to pay your costs.' Thus it is that litigant who is in the right is led to put the stamp of his approval on the system. Gentlemen, that is all hayforkism.

"Just as every lord used to have his own mint and his own galleys every legislative body must have their own courts. We have the Privy Council in England, and the Supreme Court at Ottawa, where the decisions of English judges on French law are neatly balanced by the decisions of French judges on English laws. It is true there has been some legislative curtailment of our appeals, but there are still courts and appeals enough to satisfy the most foolish.

Volume of the Law.

"It is a physical and mechanical impossibility for a lawyer to know all the law. Lord Mansfield said, 'God forbid I should know all the law, but I know where to find the law.' That was over a century ago. Lord Mansfield died in 1793. The Ontario lawyer would have to keep track of English decisions, United States decisions and decisions in Australia, in addition to those in the Dominion. Is it strange that, through lack of physical endurance, he is sometimes liable to err in his opinion?

"In the midst of all this let us consider the result of party and party costs. Two people in a Canadian town have a difference they are unable to arrange. Each has a local lawyer, a man of gravity when in his own town, who prepares his case thoroughly. About two days before trial one of the litigants gets what is technically termed 'cold feet.' He breaks into his lawyer's office and imparts a piece of news to him. He has been told that if he is beaten he will have to pay the other fellow's costs. The lawyer names over two or three leading counsel, and he selects one of them. A few days later the other fellow hears about it and does likewise. The case comes to trial, and, as you shrewdly suspect, one side loses.

Weary Jackasses.

"If the original amount were all that was in dispute, the chances are it would stay there. But the man who loses will be blown if he will give the other fellow the satisfaction of paying his costs. It goes right up to the Privy Council. With each court the counsel become heavier and higher-priced. At length the two weary jackasses of litigants are dragging a wagon of costs heavier than the hay they were fighting about.

"If some competent statistician, not a lawyer, were to make out a list of the cases that have gone to appeal, showing the amounts recovered as damages and the amounts recovered as party and party costs, would not survive a month. There is no danger that the Legislature will disturb an institution of such respectability and long standing. Whenever there is any talk of reforming the judicial system, the sapient legislators will always take the opinion of the leading men at the bar. You might as well get the opinion of a distiller on prohibition.

Why Not a Bargain?

"Why should not a client make a definite bargain with his lawyer regarding costs? You can go to an architect and he will tell you his fee, and the only way he has of getting even with you is to build a house for \$15,000 that you thought would cost \$5,000. If you attempted to legislate in that direction you would hear of the dangers of champagne and maintenance, and while you were out in the library looking up the meaning of those words the lawyers in the House would defeat the motion.

"Some day, gentlemen, this hayforked public will get sense. It will take itself aside and talk to itself something like this: 'Marriages are made in heaven, but I pay the parson for splicing. I am entitled to perfect health, but I expect to pay my doctor. I am entitled to justice free, but I had better pay my own lawyer. I never did get any good thing for nothing, and, when I do, I don't expect to get it in a law office.'

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