

GLAD THOUGHTS IN DARKNESS.
Heart hath its depths unfathomed, undivined,
Some thrilling love in deep recess enthroned;
Soul hath its tender feelings, unrevealed;
Feelings through strong, by some strange power
seized.
Mind hath its musings, like the ocean waves,
Amon peace, e'en in passion raves
And thought sees visions, mysteries sublime,
Forebodings cast upon the walls of time.
But heart's deep store, though by a veil often hidden
Sometimes reveals itself by love-and hidden.
The soul, when full, oftentimes doth overflow,
Though the faint semblance of the world below.
Mind may be given to the higher rate,
Its thoughts rise to Grecian "races."
And thoughts unmete to heart and mind.
To thoughts such arrows, however rare, marking
full hours reveal'd in the hours of night.
Soul's feelings he unsealed by God's great might;
And mind over-spirited on Heaven's still w^e;
And thought from hoar spring its soul-drink gave.
Durham. P. W. Peacock.

Legal Facetiae.

In courts of law, and in connection with the legal profession, there often occur scenes full of instructive interest, in which some great want of judgment, others show marked keenness of intellect, and not a few abound in views of humor or in sparks of wit. In such scenes pregnant with curious phenomena, we have frequent opportunity to view human nature from different stand-points or under various phases and to gather ample materials for the furtherance of psychological science; but no metaphysical acumen is required to perceive things with pure intelligence, accurate judgment to classify them according to their distinctive properties and logical skill to draw from them the right conclusions, we will simply in a few words draw attention to the comic part sometimes played by the several actors in the scene.

1.—**The Witness.**—Witnesses widely differ from each other as to their capacity to bear testimony for or against the thing in dispute. One is so stupid that he is incapable of giving an intelligent answer on the point at issue; one is clear-headed, and answers every question with accuracy. One harassed by a series of questions, gets confused, and contradicts himself; another keeps perfectly calm under the fire of interrogations, and outwits the lawyer. The following dialogue, which occurred many years ago between a lawyer and a witness in a justice's court, is worth relating:—It seems Mr. Jones loaned Mr. Smith a horse, which died while in his (Mr. Smith's) possession. Mr. Jones brought suit to recover the value of the horse, attributing its death to bad treatment. During the course of the trial a witness (Brown) was called to the stand as to how Mr. S. treated horses. Lawyer, with a bland and confidence-inspiring smile, "Well, sir, how does Mr. Smith generally ride a horse?" Witness, with a very merry twinkle in his eye, otherwise imperturbable, "Astraddle, I believe, sir?" Lawyer, with scarcely a perceptible flush of vexation on his cheek, but still speaking in his blandest tones, "But, sir, what gaits does he ride?" "He never rides any gait, sir. His legs ride all the gait." Lawyer, his bland smile all gone, and his voice slightly husky, "But how does he ride when in company with others?" Witness, "Keeps up, if his horse is able; if not, he goes behind." Lawyer, triumphantly and in a perfect fury, "How does he ride when he is alone?" Witness, "Don't know, never was with him when he was alone." "Lawyer, I have done with you, sir!"

Not a few appear resolved to give as little evidence as they can, and when taken to task for their reticence or evasion, they return a provoking answer.

"Pray, sir," said a judge angrily, to blunt old Quaker, from whom no direct answer could be obtained, "Do you know what we sit here for?" "Yes, verily I do, said the Quaker. "Three of you for four dollars each day, and the fat one in the middle for four thousand a year."

O. S.

Man with a wig gives a bald-headed friend. "I admit," says the other, "that I have no hair; but the hair I haven't got is my own, anyway!"

A Frenchman who attended a fox hunt was asked where the meet came off. He had been hunting; so he replied that it came off his hands and knees.

INCUBITATION.—At an inquest in a certain part of the north of England on a man who had been drowned the policeman giving his evidence was asked by the coroner if means had been taken to resuscitate the body. "Oh, yes, sir, we searched his pockets."

The railroad monopolies don't have it all their own way after all. A lady in Chicago sued the Central Pacific for \$75 damages for allowing a locomotive to scald a' hair off a valuable dog expressed her from San Francisco. She obtained judgement and collected the money before the company found out that it was a Japanese dog, and never had any hair.

This decision of the jury plainly shows the wayward course of universe; but still greater is the zig-zag of universe, on the part of a jury, in the course of a shift. A prisoner was put on trial for stealing a dozen silver spoons. A servant girl deposed that the spoons lay on the table near the window in her pantry, that she saw the prisoner escape out of the window, and immediately missed the spoons; that she raised a cry, and that a laborer in her presence seized the prisoner, when the spoons were found in his pocket. On this evidence a Devonshire jury, after some deliberation, brought in a verdict of "Guilty of Manslaughter." The learned judge explained that there was no such count in the indictment, nor any evidence to support a charge of manslaughter—which was, indeed, the offence for which a previous prisoner had been tried. He sent the jury back, when, after half-an-hour's absence, they brought in a verdict of "Give him two years, your lordship, and hard labor." The judge had to explain. The amount of the sentence was, by law, left to him. They were the judges of the question of guilt or innocence. He read over his notes to them and begged them to bring in a verdict of guilty or not guilty. The jury, upon this, turned in the box, discussed, deliberated, and ultimately returned a verdict of "Not Guilty."

One more anecdote about juriesmen is worth telling. At the Winchester Assizes, in the winter of 1855, two men were tried before Baron Park for poaching. It was observed that some difficulty was experienced in getting a jury, the prisoner's counsel objecting to one after another juryman called. At length twelve were empanelled, and the trial proceeded. The facts were plain, the prisoners being taken in the very act. When the evidence was over, the learned gentleman who defended submitted that there was no case against his clients, and urged some most frivolous objections to the evidence. The judge was impatient, the counsel warm, and warmer as the argument went on, eventually observing that in his opinion there was no case to go to the jury, and he declined to address them. The Judge shortly summed up, and the jury immediately returned a verdict of "Not Guilty." Every one was electrified, and the jury dismissed from the trial of any further cases. Leaving court in the afternoon, we encountered one of the "perverses" twelve quietly smoking his pipe outside the hall, and after a remark or two about the weather, asked the comfortable old fellow how it was they gave such a verdict. "Well, was the cool reply, 'our Recorder, he said he thought the law was on the prisoner's side, and the other judge—John Lennon, he said it wasn't; and our Recorder, he said like you and me!'"

he thought the men wasn't guilty, and the other old man from Lennon said he thought they were, and it wasn't likely we was going against our Recorder, and we weren't going to see him bullied neither, so we gave him the verdict." It is hardly necessary to add that the learned counsel for the prisoners, being Recorder for Portsmouth, had "packed" a jury of Portsmouth men.

The vagaries of juries are often the outcome of prepossession, partiality, and local influence; but they often proceed from non-intelligence. "Have you read anything about this case in the papers?" asked a lawyer of a juror, in an exciting criminal case. "No, sir, not a word." "Not a word and the papers have been full of it?" "No, sir, I don't read the papers, nor anything else; for I can't read at all!" The juror was declared competent and was sworn.

2.—**The Witness.**—Witnesses widely



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