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The Bench: Mark Twain, C. J.

Oliver Herford, J. 'Myself,' J.

For the Prosecution:

Charles Battell Loomis



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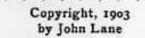
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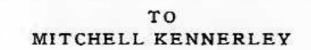


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The People vs. Richard Harding Davis

For Defendant

Davis, pro se

Held, That in writing exclusively for the Young Person, the introduction of improprieties, however veiled, and the perpetration of impossibilities in order to avoid the same, are equally criminal and constitute the same offense.

Verdict: Guilty

II. James vs. Eddy

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Infringement of Patent

Held, That the original sententia obscura, containing, as its name implies, a palpable though obfuscated idea, is not infringed by a method of compilation by which the idea, if any, is placed absolutely beyond the reach of discovery.

III. The Mummy and the Humming-bird, being the case of The People vs. John Kendrick Bangs and James Brander Matthews 61

Evidence of Larceny of Jokes was ruled out on grounds of public policy, as tending to establish a dangerous precedent, but it was

Held, That the fact that a lack of humour, if not proven to be that of others, under the above ruling, is no reason for acquittal; also that the admissions of a literary expert in an article upon the art of writing may be used against him in evidence of the crime of unjustified narration.

> Verdict: Guilty in the Second Degree with recommendation to mercy.

IV. Wards in Chancery

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Upon the trial of Mary Augusta Ward for the commission of "Eleanor" and other crimes,

Held, That another and comparatively innocent person whose arrest is due merely to identity of her surname with that of the defendant may be dismissed with a reprimand; also that

A literary crime may be allowed to go unpunished in order to avoid international complications. Nol. Pros. ordered accordingly

V. The Corelli-ing of Caine

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Upon preliminary examination of Marie Corelli and Hall Caine

Quaere, Whether two defendants charged with divers like crimes and misdemeanors may be accorded immunity from prosecution upon the offer of each to become State's Evidence against the other?

Note. On account of the rescue of the prisoners by the mob (presumably for purposes of its own) it was deemed fitting by the Court that the case be

Adjourned sine die

VI. Three of a Kind

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The People vs. VanDyke et al.

For all three Defendants Brander Matthews Semble, That criticism affords no criterion