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ferred me to vou." "Perfectly right; perfectly right of my brother James, Messon. Considering how small are his opportunities of becoming cognizant with the practice of his profession, it is extraordinary how well he is acquainted with its theory. And now, what is the point?"

"Well, do you know, Short, as the letters of administration with the will anpoint is rather a long one, and that your nexed. I think that will be the better passed through him. brother said he should expect us at two precisely, I think that we had better take the 'bus back to the Temple, when I can tell the yarn to both of you at once."

"Very well. I do not, as a general feebly. rule, like leaving my oflice at this time of day, as it is apt to put clients to inconvenience, especially such of them as come from a distance. But I will make an exception for you, Meeson. William," he went on to the counterpart of the Pump Court infant, "if any one calls to see me, will you be so good as to tell them that Court, but that I hope to be back by a lady; it's impossible." half past three ?"

be fetched down without difficulty on the slightest sign of a client, that ingenious youth, with singular confidence that nobody would be inconvenienced thereby, put a notice on the door to the effect that he would be back immediately, and adjourned to indulge in the passionately exexhilarating game of "chuck farthing" with various other small clerks of his acquaintance.

swelled with pride when for the first time in a lawsuit.', in his career he saw a real solicitor enter his chambers accompanied by a real at James. This was very trying. client. He would, indeed, have preferred it if the solicitor had not happened to be his twin brother, and the client had been some other than his intimate friend; but still it was a blessed sight—a very blessed

said, with much dignity. They obeyed.

have explained to my brother the matter | the spoil with her, if there was any-" on which you require my advice?"

"No, I haven't," said Eustace; thought that I might as well explain it to you both together, eh?"

regular. According to the etiquette of the profession to which I have the honor to belong, it is not customary that matters should be so dealt with. It is usual that papers should be presented; but that I will overlook, as the point appears to be press-

"That's right," said Eustace. "Well, I have come about a will.' "So I understand," said James; "bu

what will, and where is it?" "Well, it's a will in my favor, and it tattooed on a lady's back."

The twins simultaneously rose from their chairs and looked at Eustace with such a ridiculous identity of movement and expression that he fairly burst out laughing. "I presume, Meeson, that this is not

hoax," said James, severely. "I presume that you know too well what is due to learn. ed counsel to attempt to make one of their body the victim of a practical joke?" "Surely, Meeson," added John, "you have sufficient respect for the dignity fof the

law not to tamper with it in any such way as my brother has indicated ?" "Oh, certainly not. I assure you it is all square. It is a true bill, or rather a true

"Proceed," said James, resuming his seat. "This is evidently a case of an unusual na-

"You are right there, old boy," said Eustace. "And now, just listen," and he proceeded to unfold his moving tale with

much point and emphasis. When he had finished, John looked at

moment lay my hand upon any author- unique advertisement." ity bearing on the point-if, indeed, any such are to be found. But I speak offhand, and must not be held too closely to for fees will be duly returned; but it must the obiter dictum of a viva voce opinion. It seems to me that, notwithstanding its peculiar idiosyncrasies, and the various 'cruces' that it presents, it will, upon closer examination, be found to fall within those general laws that govern the legal course of testamentary disposition. If I I was going to say 'are to be presented to remember aright-I. speak off-hand-the my clerk." Act of 1 Vic., cap. 26, specifies that a will shall be in writing, and tattooing came to an end. may fairly be defined as a rude variety of writing. It is, I admit, usual that writing should be done on paper or parchment, but I have no doubt that the young lady's skin, if carefully removed and dried, would make excellent parchment. At present, therefore, it is parch- be imagined, though willing to go any reament in its green stage, and perfectly sonable length to oblige her new-found available for writing purposes. To con- lover, Augusta not unnaturally resisted this tinue. It appears-1 am taking Mr. course violently, and was supported in her Meeson's statements as being perfectly resistance by her friend Lady Holmhurst, accurate—that the will was properly and who, however, presently left the room, leavduly executed by the testator, or rather | ing them to settle it as they liked. by the person who tattooed in his presence and at his command; a form of signature which is very well covered by the section of the Act of 1 Vic., cap. 26. It seems, too, that the witnesses attested

in the presence of each other and of the testator. It is true that there was no attestation clause; but the supposed perhaps cluster more frequently and with a greater persistence round ques- tody of the officer of the court." tions connected with testamentary disof the law. Therefore, we must take the asked Augusta, feeling very cross indeed. will to have been properly executed in

accordance with the spirit of the statute. 'Mr. John Short says that that is a matter And now we come to what at present strikes me as the crux. [The will is undated. His own opinion is that the learned doctor-Does that invalidate it? I answer with con- confound him!-will order that you should Laths. fidence, no. And mark : evidence-that of accompany him about wherever he goes till Lady Holmhurst-can be produced that this the trial comes off, for, you see, in that way will did not exist upon the back of Miss you would never be out of the custody of an Augusta Smithers previously to December officer of the court. But," went on Eustace. 19, on which day the 'Kangaroo' sunk; and | gloomily, "all I can tell him, if he makes evidence can also be produced-that of that order, is, that if he takes you about Mrs. Thomas-that it did exist on Christ- with him he will have to take me, too," mas-day, when Miss Smithers was rescued. It is, therefore, clear that it must have got "Why? Because I don't trust him- Matched Flooring,

much impressed at this corruscation of legal the Divorce Court! Now, I ask you what lore. "Evidently you are the man to tackle can you expect from a gentleman, however the case. But, I say, what is to be done learned, who has practiced for twenty years next? You see, I'm afraid it is too late. in the Divorce Court? I know him," went Probate has issued, whatever that may on Eustace, vindictively-"I know him.

Children Cry for

James, struggling with his rising contempt; unless a solicitor is present, so he has re- "and is the law so helpless that probate which has been allowed to issue under an erroneous apprehension of the facts can not be recalled? Most certainly not! So soon as the preliminary formalities are concluded, without my being there to look after you, a writ must be issued to revoke the probate, and claiming that the court should pronounce in favor of the later will; or, stay, be near you for a couple of days without dethere is no executor - there is no executor! - | ing so." a very important point, claiming a grant of

> "But how can you annex Miss Smithers to a 'grant of letters of administration,' sumed till dinner-time. whatever that may mean?" said Eustace

"That reminds me," said James, disregarding the question and addressing his brother, "you must at once file Miss Smithers in the registry, and see to the preparation of the usual affidavits of scripts." "Certainly, certainly," said John, as though this were the most simple business

I am engaged in an important conference Angusta impaled upon an enormous bill- stamped upon his countenance. He wanted at the chambers of Mr. Short in Pump guard rose before his eyes. "You can't file to inspect the will at once; but Augusta

"Yes, sir," said William, as he shut the fore any further steps are taken. Let me that day. With a sigh and a shake of the door behind them; "certainly, sir." And see; I believe that Doctor Probate is the head at her unreasonableness Mr. John then, having replaced the musty docu- sitting Registrar at Somerset House this Short submitted, and then the carriage ments upon the shelf, whence they could sittings. It would be well if you made an came round and they were all driven off to appointment for to-morrow." "Yes," said John.

all for the present. You will, of course, let | manac, a dirty deal table, and a few chairs | Malleable Iron. me have the instructions and other papers in it, wherein were congregated several with all possible speed. I suppose that solicitors' clerks, waiting their turn to appear other counsel besides myself will be ulti- before the registrar. Here they waited for mately retained?"

adviser arrived at Pump Court, and, oh ! the world, and that's all; and I know enough | the reason, for having remarkably quick how the heart of James, the barrister, to be aware that fifty pounds do not go far ears, she overheard one of the solicitors'

rubbing his bald head with his handker-"but how about the remuneration of the plantiff's legal advisers? Can't you"-ad-

money from some one?" "And now, Meeson, I suppose that you | Holmhurst. Perhaps if I offered to share "Dear me, no," said John; "that would

"Certainly not," chimed in James, holding up his hand in dismay. "Most clearly "Hum," said James; "it is not quite it would be 'champerty;' and did it come to the knowledge of the court nobody can say what might not happen."

"Indeed," answered Eastace, with a sigh, "I don't quite know what you mean, but I seem to have said something very wrong. The odds on a handicap are child's play to understand beside this law." he added.

"It is obvious, James," said John. "that, putting aside other matters, this would prove, independent of pecuniary reward, a most interesting case for you to conduct." "That is so, John," replied James; "but,

as you must be well aware, the etiquette of my profession will not allow me to conduct a case for nothing. Upon that point, above all others, etiquette rules us with a rod of iron. The stomach of the bar, collective and individual, is revolted and scandalized at the idea of one of its members doing any thing for nothing."

"Yes," put in Eastace, "I have always understood that they were regular nailers." "Quite so, my dear James; quite so," said John, with a sweet smile. "A fee must be marked upon the brief of learned counsel, and that fee must be paid to him, together with many other smaller fees; for learned counsel is like the cigarette-boxes and newfashioned weighing-machines at the stations; he does not work unless you drop something down him. But there is nothing to prevent learned counsel from returning that fee, and all the little fees. Indeed, James, you will see that this practice is common among the most eminent of your profession, when, for instance, they require an advertisement or wish to pay a delicate compliment to a con James rather helplessly. The case was stituency. What io they do then? They beyond him. But James was equal to the wait till they find £500 marked upon a brief, occasion. He had mastered that first great and then resign their fee. Why should you axiom which every young barrister should not do the same in this case, in your own inlay to heart: "Never appear to be ignorant." | terest? Of course, if we win the cause the "This case," he said, as though he were other side or the estate will pay the costs; giving judgment, "is doubtless of a re- and if we lose you will at least have had the markable nature, and I can not at the advantage, the priceless advantage, of a

> "Very well, John; let it be so," said James, with magnanimity. "Your checks be understood that they are to be present.

"Not at the bank," said John, hastily. "I have recently had to oblige a client," he added by way of explanation to Eustace, "and my balance is rather low." "No," said James; "I quite understand.

And with this solemn farce the conference

CHAPTER XVII. HOW AUGUSTA WAS FILED.

That very afternoon Eustace returned to Lady Holmhurst's house in Hanover Square, to tell his dear Augusta that she must attend on the following morning to be filed in the Registry at Somerset House. As may

"I do think that is a little hard," said Augusta, with a stamp of her foot, "that. after all that I have gone through, I should be taken off to have my unfortunate back stared at by a doctor some one or other, and then be shut up with a lot of musty old wills in a registry."

"Well, my dearest girl," said Eustace, "either it must be done or else the whole necessity for an attestation clause is one thing must be given up. Mr. John Short of those fallacies of the lay mind which, declares that it is absolutely necessary that the document should be placed in the cus-

"But how am I going to live in a cupposition than those of any other branch | board, or in an iron safe with a lot of wills?' "I don't know, I am sure," said Eustace : which the learned doctor will have to settle.

"Why?" said August.

upon her back between December 19 and that's why. Old? oh, yes; I dare say he is old. And besides, just think, this learned "Quite so, old fellow," said Eustace, gent'eman has practiced for twenty years in He will fall in love with you himself. Why, "Probate has issued!" echoed the great he would be an old duffer if he didn't."

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"Really," said Augusta, bursting out laughing; "you are too ridiculous, Eustoce." "I don't know about being ridiculous, Augusta; but if you think I am going to let you be marched about by that learned doctor you are mistaken. Why, of course he would fall in love with you; nobody could

"Do you think so?" said Augusta, looking at him so sweetly that a wave of happiness

"Yes, I do," he answered, and thus the conversation came to an end and was not re-On the following morning at eleven o'clock

Eustace, who had managed to get a few days' leave from his employers, arrived with Mr. John Short to take Augusta and Lady Holmhurst-who was going to chaperon her -to Somerset House, whither, notwithstanding her objection of the previous day, she had at last consented to go.

Mr. Short was introduced, and much impressed both the ladies by the extraordinary "What?" gasped Eustace, as a vision of air of learning and command which was struck at this, saying that it would be quite "Impossible or not, it must be done be- enough to have her shoulders stared at once Somerset House. Presently they were there, and after threading innumerable "Well," went on James, "I think that is passages reached a dismal room with an alhalf an hour or more to Augusta's consider-"Oh! that reminds me," said Eustace, able discomfort, for she soon found that she "about money, you know. I don't quite was an object of curiosity and closest attensee how I am going to pay for all this game. | tion to the solicitors' clerks, who never took clerks, a callow little man with yellow Blankly James looked at John and John hair and an enormous diamond pin, whose appearance somehow reminded "Fifty pounds will go a good way in out- her of a new-born chicken, tell anof-pocket fees," suggested James at length, other, who was evidently of the Jewish faith, that she (Augusta) was the respondent in the famous divorce case of Jones "Possibly," answered John, pettishly; v. Jones, and was going to appear before the registrar to submit herself to cross-examination in some matter connected with a grant "Will you be seated, gentlemen?" he dressing Eastace-"manage to get the of alimony. Now, as all London was talking about the alleged iniquities of the Mrs. "Well," said Eustace, "there's Ludy Jones in question, whose moral turnitude was only equalled by her beauty, Augusta did not feel best pleased; although she perceived that she instantly became an object of heartfelt admiration to the clerks. Presently, however, somebody poked his head through the door, which he opened just wide enough to admit it, and bawling ont-"Short, re Meeson," vanished as abruptly as he had come.

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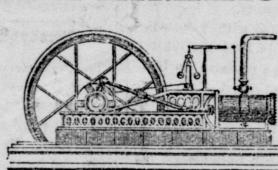
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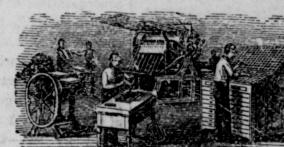
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