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I was spending an evening with my friend

Judge Symonds, and had been entertained with reminiscences of his early practice, before he had even dreamed of promotion to the bench; among other stories he told me the history of his first case about as follows

After my admission to the bar 1 was settled for some time in Corinth, and found town, and aside from making an occasional | said deed and one or two wills, I had had no practice whatever, and but for the kindness of a maiden aunt, who thought me the best "nevvy" in the world, I should have been in very hard straits indeed. She had more faith in my future than I, and to my frequent expressions of dissatisfaction, and threats to go about something else, she always replied :

"Wait patiently; you have the ability, and all you need is the opportunity, and that will come."

While waiting for this longed-for op-portunity, I formed the acquaintance of

and clearly that of Mr. Ball, but the whole entirely unlooked for, that I could scarcely utter a syllable.

Mr. Page, the counsel for the Toziers, informed us that he should take the paper to the Probate office at once, and departed then handed him a piece of wax, and asked with his clients.

After their departure Fred sat in silence for an hour at least, and I was so dumbit to be a most exasperatingly peaceful say. Finally Fred aroused himself and judge, who still seemed to wonder what I

"John, that paper is a forgery, I know it is, and you must take this case up and prove it so. I know it looks like an impossible task, but you must do it. I leave ings made by me for heraldic work. the ways and means to you."

I willingly undertook the matter, as I had nothing whatever to do, end I might as well undertake the impossible as anything else.

The next day notice of the presentation of the will for probate was served on Fred. Fortunately for us probate courts in those days did not meet as frequently as now, and the day appointed for hearing was some nearly every one in the village, and among others Mr. Ball, the wealthiest which to act. In a few days I went to the man there, who had a fine farm, with a probate office and carefully noted every comfortable, old fashioned house and capa- point of the will; it was duly executed and sealed; this latter fact escaped my attention for some time, for wills were then as now sometimes sealed and sometimes not, the law in many states not requiring that a will shall have a seal. At the third or fourth perusal I noted that the seal was of black wax and stamped with the device of a coat-of-arms of some ancient family to which Mr. Ball traced his lineage. As I noted this and idea finally took form in my mind. I had been in Corinth but two years, and I had frequently conversed with Mr. Ball several times about the genealogy of his family, and thought that it was rather a recent idea with him, for until within a few years he had had but little time for such researches. Full of my idea I went back to Corinth, and secured the stamp with which the impression had been made, and without letting Fred into my plans, returned in a day or two to the probate office. I took some sealing wax and made an impression of the seal in the by name of Tozier, who occupied a part presence of the register, and with him of the house, and performed the necessary compared the two; they were identical, even to a little scratch across the face of the seal, and leaving the second impression with the register, I set out to find the maker of the stamp. There was but one person in the city who did such work, and suggested that it was probably made by a firm in Boston who made a specialty of such work; so I took the next train to Boston, sought out the firm and found that they had made this stamp for Mr. Ball, and they showed me in a book the original drawing from which it was prepared; the scratch on its face they knew nothing about, that had probably been a result of an acident. Satisfied with my information I returned home, and set about other inquiries, the result of which was also quite satisfactory. The day for the hearing came, and all Corinth was present at court. The surviv-After the funeral Fred and I entered up- ing witness to the will, John Goudy, testion an examination of his uncle's papers to fied very glibly to seeing Mr. Ball sign the ascertain if he had left a will, and while so will on the table in the library, that the engaged Tozier entered the library with a other two witnesses were present, and that lawyer from an adjoining town, and to our all three signed in Mr. Ball's presence, and utter amazement produce? a paper purport- that Mr. Ball was in his opinion of sound mind, the usual formula. I then proceeded to question him as to the situation in which he stood when Mr. Ball signed, whether he had a good view of the paper, mainder of his estate to his faithful friends and whether the seal was on the paper wheu it was signed. Yes, he saw Mr. Ball take the wax and make the impression with the stamp; he remembered it very distinctly; indeed, as Mr. Ball had told him about the coat-of-arms, and as he had never heard of anything of the kind before, it made an impression on his mind. I asked had died shortly before Mr. Ball; the third | the witness no questions except in relation witness was a shiftless ne'er-do-well, who, to the seal, and I called the attention of the judge to the seal, and the scratch across its Tozier said the will had been given him face. The judge looked at it carelessly and said

Mr. M. was sworn, and testified that he its genuineness; the signature was bold was a seal engraver, and that making of thing seemed so singular and unjust, so seals with heraldic devices thereon was a part of his business. I showed him the stamp in question, and asked him if he ever saw that particular stamp. He said he had, that he made it for Mr. Ball. him to make an impression of it, which he did. I then asked the Register for the impression I had left with him, and the three founded that I could think of nothing to were identical, and were shown to the was about. I then asked the witness it he could tell when he made the stamp ; he said he could, and referring to his book he said : "I have here the book of original drawkeep a copy of every device I make, and I find that I made this stamp for Mr. Ball in the week beginning Janvary 16, 1865, and that it was sent to him by express the following week; I have here the receipt from the express company dated January 23, 1865.

This was a date about four years later than the date of the will, and there was a sensation in the courtroom. Tozier and his wife and Goudy were as white as sheets. I said to the judge : "Your honor will see why I was so particular to have the seal affixed to that paper at its alleged

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cious barns thereon, which, backed with a good bank account, made him easily the foremost man of the town. He had been married, but his wife died in giving birth to a daughter, many years before I be-came acquainted with him, and the daughter, the apple of his eye, had died on her twentieth birthday, leaving him heart-broken. His only known relative was a nephew, the only child of his only sister, and after the death of his daughter Mr. Ball took him into his home and treated him in all respects as a son, and although he had never so expressed himself, it was generally understood by everyone that Fred Coggin would inherit his uncle's property. As Fred and I were of about the same age and had many tastes in common, we had become intimate triends, and I spent many of my evenings at M. Ball's house.

Mr. Ball had for servants, or hired help as they were called, a man and his wife work of house and farm. They had lived with Mr. Ball for many years, almost from the death of his wife. They were a peculiar, ill-tavored pair, and were not liked by anyone, even among those of their own station in life, the man being of a morose disposition, and the woman vinegary and peppery; but they did their work faithfully, and were envied by many because of the good situation they held.

In the early autumn of the second year 1 was in Corinth, Mr. Ball contracted a bad cold, which through neglect developed into pneumonia; he was well advanced in years and of a fleshy habit, and almost before we were aware he was ill he was in extreme danger; he became rapidly worse, and on the second day became delirious and remained so until his death, a week later.

ing to be the last will and testament of Reuben Ball, executed ten years before, in which he bequeathed to his nephew, Fred Coggin, the sum of \$100, and all the reand servants, John Tozier and his wife Mary.

The will was apparently in the handwriting of Mr. Ball, was duly signed in the presence of three witnesses, two of whom were prominent people in the village at the time of its execution, but both of whom had occasionally worked for Mr. Ball.

by Mr. Ball at the time of its execution, with a strict injunction to say nothing about it until after his death, the alleged reason being that as he was disinheriting his only relative he did not care to have it known and discussed, and besides, he wanted Fred to stay with him as long as he lived, and he was afraid he would leave it he knew what disposition he had made of his property. He wished to give him a home and educate him, but as he was young and smart he could easily make his way in the world, while Tozier and his wife were getting along in years, and had spent the best years of their lives in his employ, and witness who had testified. I said I would

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"Mr. Symonds, why are you taking up so much time about the seal and the time it was affixed; a seal is immaterial to a will, and it it had been put on later it would have made no difference."

I said : "I think I can make that point very material in this particular case in due time, when the other side has completed its case.

Mr. Page said his evidence was all in, as he supposed it would be unnecessary to introduce any evidence of Mr. Ball's sanity and capacity ta make a will, other that the

date. To my mind the evidence offered is sufficient to show that this paper is a forgery, but if you have any doubt whatever, I have one other piece of evidence which, if your honor will hear it, I think will remove it."

"I will hear it," said the Judge. I then called the Clerk of Courts for the county, and after he had been sworn, I took up the alleged will, and began addressing the Judge, said :

"Your honor will observe that this paer, purporting to be the will of Reuben Ball, is dated March 10, 1861, and the surviving witness, John Goudy, has testified very minutely as to seeing Mr. Ball sign the same in the library of Mr. Ball's hause. Now I will put in evidence a record of the Supreme Court of this county, and will ask the parret was shrilly screaming : "One at the court to read that record, and will then leave it entirely with your honor to say whether the thing he has testified to could possibly have happened."

The clerk then read that at the term of the Supreme court for the county, begun on the first Tuesday of February, 1861, to wit, on the 1st day of March, 1861, John Goudy, of Corinth, was put on trial for and convicted of the crime of larceny, and sentenced to two years in the county jail, and that the prisoner was then and there committed to the custody of the sheriff of the county. As the clerk finished reading, I heard a movement behind me, and turned to see the Toziers and Goudy attempting to leave the room. The judge also noticed the movement, and said to the sheriff, who was present merely as a apectator, the custom of having an officer attend Probate court not having arisen at that time, "Stop those people and take them into custody for perjury and forgery." Then turning to me he said, "Mr. Symonds, your evidence is ample and conclusive, and I disallow this instrument, and I congratulate you on your successful exposure of a high crime." Fred was overjoyed, and subsequently rewarded me in a very satisfactory manner. I soon had all the practice I could attend to.

The Toziers and Goudy were subsequently tried and convicted of perjury and forgery, and served long sentences. Mrs. Tozier confessed after the conviction, that having a knack with a pen, and being good at imitation she had frequently imitated Mr. Ball's handwriting just for amusement, the idea of the forgery originated with her husband and Goudy, and was finally assented to by her; and had they known law enough to have left off the seal, and had selected a date when Goudy was really at home, it would quite probably have been successful .- Portland Transcript.

The Ticket Seller's Parrot.

Ben Lusbie, who for fifteen years was one of the greatest features of Barnum's circus in the capacity of "lightning ticket seller," had a wonderful parrot, which had been presented to him by one of the canvasmen of the show, who was at one time a sailor on a steamer plying between Boston and Fernandino, in the Bahamas. Lusbie used to have a way of quieting the scrambling mob of the ticket-purchasers around the ticket wagon by saying : "Don't be in a hurry, gentleman." "There's plenty of time." Don't crowd each other." "One at a time, gentleman," and such like expressions. The parrot, which was perched upon the safe in the wagon just back of

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