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A DIVORCE CASE

How Law Was Introduced Into the Town of Harmony

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

The first transition that came over Harmony was when certain citizens, realizing that there must be something done to improve the situation, organized a town government and established a court. The latter was opposed by some on the ground that it would stand in the way of finding out "who done things." But the conservatives said that it was not their object to bring in all the devices lawyers use to obscure crime, but to have just a citizen judge who should tell the jury what kind of a verdict to bring in. This was considered well enough in its way, and Jim Simpson was appointed city judge. Jim kept the supply store of the place and had once sued a man for defamation of character. His knowledge of the law acquired at that time was all there was in the town.

A young graduate of an eastern law school who had gone west to grow up with the country, hearing that Harmony had established a court, determined to settle there. His reception was not cordial. A number of citizens who had patiently endured certain wrongs, finding that they had a lawyer willing to right them, concluded to have them righted by legal process This rendered Mr. Cartright, the attorney, unpopular, the wag of the place asserting that his coming had deprived the town of the right to its name.

John Burrage and his wife had lived together peaceably for twenty years. They had had their spats and got over them, finally settling down to that condition common between most couples who have learned to work in double harness—that is, their bickerings, when they occurred, which was not often, were not considered of much importance. But one day after the organizing of the court and the advent of the lawyer Mrs. Burrage had a headache or a toothache, which is worse, and



"IT'S MY INTENTION TO PUT HER THERE," REPLIED THE JUDGE.

when John came in for dinner he found her spoiling for a fight. John could have undoubtedly pacified the woman, but the toothache was another matter. He was obliged to go out again, leaving her wrathful.

Mrs. McGuire, her next door neighbor, received an account of her "ill treatment" and declared she wouldn't live with a brute like that for anything. When Mrs. Burrage asked what she would do in the premises, Mrs. McGuire said she would get a divorce, and she kindly offered to introduce her friend to the lawyer, just to see what could be done about it. Mrs. Burrage was ready to go with her right off, toothache and all, to Mr. Cartright's office.

The result was that before Mrs. Burrage realized what she was about she had paid the lawyer $20 as a retaining fee. That settled the prosecution of her divorce suit. She could not recover the fee, and she did not propose to lose it. She had always got the worth of her money and must do so now.

John Burrage was much astonished on returning to supper to find his wife gone, the lawyer waiting for him to serve a notice upon him that she had left his bed and board and would sue for a divorce with alimony. He couldn't quite make it out. The disagreement that had bloomed into a divorce case was a mere bagatelle compared with past squabbles that had been weathered without any unpleasant result. But there was the lawyer, and there was the document with red tape and red ink embellishment. The wife was evidently under other influences, and John believed that an attempt on his part to dissuade her from following the course injected into her would be unsuccessful. He therefore decided to let the case go to trial.

Judge Jim Simmons not having a judicial gown did the next best thing to putting one on by wearing his coat and refraining from putting his legs on the table before him. It had been found necessary to appoint some one to counteract the effect of the lawyer, so Cy Harkness had been made prosecuting attorney, with instructions to content himself with preventing his opponent from obstructing justice to horse thieves, but on no account to interfere in any other case. When the court was ready to try the Burrage divorce case the plaintiff's counsel stated her reasons for applying for the separation. He did so in legal phrasecology, concluding with the words, "The said John Burrage, her lawful spouse, had by his cruelty rendered her life miserable and utterly unbearable." While the lawyer was making the statement the judge showed considerable feeling, changing his position in his chair several times. When it was finished he said:

"Young man, do you mean to say that our respected feller citizen, John Burrage, is the kind of man to mistreat a woman?"

"Such is the allegation, your honor."

"And who's the alligator?"

"My client, the plaintiff."

"Air you shure there ain't no other alligator in the case?"

At this point one of the defendant's particular friends interrupted the dialogue.

"Jedge," he said, "I reckon my wife can tell you who's the real alligator behind this case. My wife says she overheard Mrs. Burrage's next door neighbor, Mrs. McGuire, pumpin' fight inter"—

"I object, your honor," interposed the plaintiff's counsel. "This is not only evidence coming through a second person, but is not properly brought forward. It is not yet time for the witnesses for the defense to testify."

"Jedge," Mr. Harkness spoke up, "as prosecutin' attorney o' this yere town, I want to say"—

"Your honor," Mr. Cartright interposed, "this is not a case requiring a prosecuting attorney. The defendant is entitled to counsel, and if Mr. Harkness represents him he should be heard; otherwise"—

"It don't matter what you call him," interrupted the judge. "He's an officer o' this court, and I don't want you to try to run him out by slingin' these law names at him. Cy Harkness, what was you goin' to say?"

"I was goin' to say that as prosecutin' attorney or counsel fer the defendant, or whatever I am, I want to object to a citizen o' this yere town in good standin' like John Burrage, who gives good measure and has never been known to pass a counterfeit bill, bein' called names even if they be law names by a stranger who has come among us to throw dust in our eyes by his law talk. Ef he's a mind to come down to plain American languidge and tell us what John Burrage's wife has got ag'in John Burrage let him do it; otherwise let him ever after hold his peace."

"This ain't a weddin', Cy," said one of the jurymen, pulling the speaker's coat sleeve; "it's a divorce. You got the marriage service in the wrong place."

"Your honor," said the plaintiff's counsel, "we're making no headway with this case. If you will allow me to give you a bit of posting, I would say that in courts of law the plaintiff's testimony is brought forward, then the opposite side is introduced, and the rebuttal"—

"I want you to understand, young man, there'll be no buttin' in yere in this court. You needn't try it neither. But we ain't gettin' on nohow. There's too much city law in the case. Everybody's talkin' but the pussen as ought to talk. You, Susan Burrage, stand up and tell the court what you got ag'in yer man."

Mrs. Burrage arose. The toothache had subsided, and she was in an excellent humor. She made something like a courtesy to the judge and smiled at the jury.

"It is not my intention to put my client on the witness stand," Mr. Cartright interposed.

"Well, it's my intention to put her there," replied the judge, "and if you interfere with any o' your law Hugo I'll put you out. Now, Susan Burrage, fire away."

"Well, judge, it's this way: My husban' comes home when I wasn't feelin' very well, and I sasses him. He didn't sass back, and that made me mad. The most excoriatin' man is one as won't sass back. Ef he'd a stayed a minute longer I'd 'a' throwed a plate at his head. But he got out, and I was tellin' my troubles to my neighbor, Mrs McGuire"—

"The alligator?" interrupted the judge.

"I dunno. Mrs. McGuire, she introduced me to Mr. Cartright to find out what could be done between me and John. The first informashun he give me was that he wanted a restrainer fee of $20. Well, I went to John's stockin', where he keeps his money, and got the $20 and tuk it to the lawyer, and he talked a blue streak, and when my tooth stopped achin' I found myself in a divorce suit."

"Well?"

"What could I do but go on with it or lose my money? If I don't get my divorce I'll be out $20."

The effect of this evidence on the court and spectators was such that Mr. Cartright turned pale.

"Gentlemen of the jury," said the judge, "it bein' my duty to instruct you as to the law in this case, I'll tell you that it's all on the side of John Burrage. You got nothin' to do with no divorce. What you got to do is to bring in a verdic' returnin' Susan Burrage her $20 restrainin' fee. Then you want to put the costs on Cartright, with the request that he make himself scarce before sundown tonight with all his law books and sich. This yere town is not to be improved by city law, and we don't want none of it in Harmony."

The judge's instructions were carried out to the letter. Mr. Cartright was escorted out of town, and John and Susan Burrage went home together, feeling that they had escaped the horrors of a divorce by the skin of their teeth.

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