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THE EXPERT'S THEORY.

It Was Too Inclusive and Weakened Him as a Witness.

One of the older members of the Baltimore bar tells this anecdote of the late Severn Teackle Wallis as illustrating the cleverness and sarcasm of Mr. Wallis:

Mr. Wallis was defending the will of a wealthy testator, and, as the lawyers say, when the estate is large a lawyer "will wrestle with a will with a will." A prominent physician was called to testify for those contesting the will. The doctor became restless under the lengthy and exhaustive cross examination of Mr. Wallis, and finally he petulantly exclaimed:

"Oh, Mr. Wallis, I believe the testator was insane!"

Mr. Wallis kept his temper and said quietly: "Doctor, you are the first person who has ever intimated in or out of court that the testator was insane. Why do you say he was insane?"

"I believe," the doctor replied, "that every man is more or less insane on some one subject."

"Is it your deliberate professional opinion," Mr. Wallis then asked, "expressed here in court under oath, that every man is more or less insane on some subject?"

"Yes," the doctor replied; "I will say here under oath that from my reading, knowledge and experience I believe that every man is more or less insane on some one subject."

Then Mr. Wallis said in that fine tone of sarcasm for which he was noted, "Doctor, has it ever occurred to you that you are insane on the subject of insanity?"

Immediately the doctor fired up and exclaimed, "But, Mr. Wallis, I am not insane!"

Mr. Wallis arose and said: "Doctor, according to your own sworn theory, you must be insane on some subject. I pronounce you insane on the subject of insanity."

Court, jury and spectators laughed aloud, and nothing more was said about the testator being insane.—Baltimore Sun.

OLD DUTCH WERE CHOLERIC

They Called Each Other "Snappertjes," and Even Worse.

What a contentious crowd the inhabitants of the village, then known as Breuckelen, now part of Brooklyn, was!

The early records are filled with reports of inquiries into the cause of rioting and disturbances of the peace. The early court records consist largely of actions brought for slander and assault. It is recorded that a man was arrested for calling an official a "snappertje," another was put in jail, charged with having called his neighbor a "dick beeste" and still another was clapped into jail for having called a certain official a "bloodsucker." Some of the old Dutch records make interesting reading.

And the court meted out justice in all these cases with a regard for common sense and a disregard for statute law that one cannot help but admire. One instance of curious adjustment of penalties may be cited:

The village tavern keeper and a contentious woman both appeared before the court, asking justice. They had quarreled. The woman had accused the innkeeper of watering his brandy, and he in turn had applied an opprobrious epithet to the woman. The court after hearing the evidence adjudged both to be guilty. With rare discrimination in making the punishment fit the crime the man was fined 6 gulden and the woman, who had impugned the quality of the brandy, was fined 20 gulden.

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Jack—I like cake. It's very good.

Mother—That's better.

Jack (with an air of disgust) — It sounds as if I was only talking 'bout bread.—London Tit-Bits.

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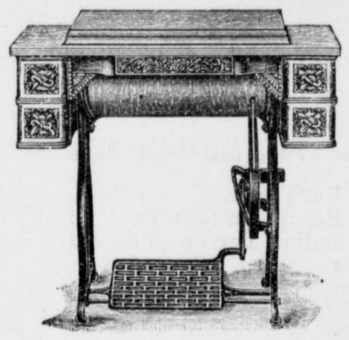

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