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## LEND NOT TO THY BROTHER UPON USURY— BE REASONABLE

Abe (Dr.) Gertz, attorney and counselor, is a Jekyll and Hyde, or Hyde and Jekyll, to-wit: It seems he works for one w. k. Denver afternoon paper and reads proof on one w. k. Denver morning paper. As for that, he wrote us on March 24 last a letter in his own fist, accounting, no doubt, for the widespread use of typewriters in newspaper offices. Annexed thereto, and made part thereof, was a clipping from the aforesaid morning paper, referring to certain motions filed by certain lawyers for certain money lenders in certain proceedings. We quote:

"The original motions for the defendants in some of these cases were filed and prepared by Hawkins and Kenneth W. Robinson," Judge Starkweather pointed out from the bench, "and they were substantially copied by other defendants."

The above is strictly *sic*. Bathing suits by Jansen.

## MOANING AT THE BAR

*The Colorado Graphic* (which Allah and the Code prosper), as at March 31 last, is pleased to report the services of a new reporter of its digest of Supreme Court decisions. The reporter (Gelt, Esq.) is said to have said that he feels "it is worth any attorney's time to read all the decisions every week. . . . It pays to keep up."

At the request of the Editor-in-Chief we refrain from expressing the thought that it would be well for the judiciary to keep an eye on precedent also.

## WHEN IN DOUBT EMPLOY COUNSEL

We hesitate to say that John O. Rames, Esq., and C. Milton Morris, Esq., employ their leisure, which we trust is not so abundant as ours, in reading the advertisements. At least, each of these gentlemen called our attention to a service most, if not all, lawyers will wish to have. From that w. k. Denver morning newspaper of April 19:

"A complete legal department is maintained also. Claims are settled here promptly. This expert legal department is at the beck and

call of Miller-West clients, being glad to give legal counsel with regard to wills, estates, etc., and supply trust and tax information."

And above those lines the firm announces its specialties, in words that cause the heart to have a patriotic thrill:

"Life, Accident, Health and Liability."

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### PAUCITY MEANS EXIGUITY

Norman W. Baker, Esq., upon whom may Heaven shower blessings, writes us: "Having noted your reported paucity of material, I felt that perhaps you might be interested in the enclosed quotation from *Payne v. Kello*, 143 So. 790, at least if you feel that Mae West has no rival." We will not disclose our feeling in that regard, but Spartan-like, hasten to the quotation:

"The bill in this case was filed by certain alleged heirs of Fremont Payne, deceased, to have declared null and void a marriage alleged to have been contracted by said Payne with one Aileen Kello because of an alleged conspiracy on her part with one Leo F. Saddlemire to victimize Payne, who was shown to have been about 75 years old, and to have 'exhibited considerable susceptibility for attractive young females, such as was and still is Aileen Kello.' The bill asserts that Aileen Kello, before her marriage to Fremont Payne, conspired with Saddlemire to take advantage of Payne, who was alleged to have been insane at the time, although capable of appreciating feminine charms such as Aileen Kello possessed, by employing duress, coercion, intimidation, and otherwise to keep Payne under their close surveillance and acquire his fortune, said to have amounted to some \$200,000 . . ."

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### EX POST FACTO IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

The self-same Denver morning newspaper above referred to celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary by announcing on page Two-E of the issue of April 24 its accomplishments one hundred years then next preceding. Viz., or namely:

"NEWS' FIGHT WON STATEHOOD FOR COLORADO IN 1776."

Think, gentlemen, the regiment of United States senators we have lost (or been spared) through this commonwealth's failure to make the grade until 100 years after the victory.