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THOMAS & THOMAS

The late Judge J. McD. Livesay spoke at the Denver Bar Association memorial services of 1926 of the life of Theodore H. Thomas. He told of an occasion of which Mr. Thomas often related. It seems that Thomas & Thomas had a law office in the booming mining camp of Creede, many years ago. Theodore and Thornton were twins; and so alike one could not tell them apart. Theodore was an expert billiard player; Thornton an indifferent one. Theodore was an expert billiard player; Thornton an indifferent one. Theodore played rarely; Thornton persisted in playing. One afternoon Thornton was challenged by a stranger. They went at it hammer and tongs at five dollars a game. It wasn't long before the stranger had all of Thornton's money. Thornton put his cue on the table and said he would run out and get some more money and be back in a minute. He ran across the street into the law office and told Theodore all about it. Theodore rushed over to the billiard hall, picked up the cue and told the stranger he was ready to resume the game. In about half an hour Theodore had in his pocket all that Thornton had lost and all the stranger's money besides. The stranger put his cue in the rack and remarked sadly: "You certainly improved wonderfully in the last half hour."

LETTER FROM DENISON, SOMETIME J.

Louis A. Hellerstein, Esq.,
Editor in Chief, DICTA,
1020 University Building,
City.

Dear Sir:

Perhaps I may suggest to Mr. Hilliard that he could get a little fun out of ridiculing legal absurdities.

I enclose a couple:

The first sentence of an opinion reads: "The plaintiff brought suit against the defendant." 8 C. A. 130.

Another one: "This case was reversed because the complaint had not informed the defendant of the facts which the defendant had proved in the trial." 8 C. A. 158, 167-8.

Very truly yours,

JOHN H. DENISON.