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JUST AN ECHO IN THE VALLEY

Harry C. Green, Esq., laments that the fervent prayer of Rees D. Rees, Esq., in his poem "Our New Municipal Building" (10 DICTA 100) was destined never to be answered. Mr. Rees, it will be recalled, asked that

"Never, there, may an echo rise."

While Mr. Green is of opinion that "Echoes are about all there are to the depressingly grand court rooms."

LAW IS A MATTER OF GEOGRAPHY

A Boston barrister, somewhat hazy as to the extent and magnitude of the Great American Desert, wrote to a Denver lawyer inquiring for rates on a snappy Nevada separation. The Denver lawyer referred him to a Reno practitioner and the latter communicated his gratitude to the former (omitting salutations) as follows:

"Thanks very much for your letter of the 9th inst.

"I wrote to Mr. Cabotlowell telling him of your letter to me, and lamenting the domestic discord in Boston. The cause intimated in the letter you enclosed, to-wit: That both parties thereto desired to try it again with different partners, is ample cause and grounds for divorce under the laws of this noble state. However, it might be wise to allege different grounds in the complaint.

"This morning I received a wire from Mr. Cabotlowell asking me if I would take the case for \$150 and costs, and if so the plaintiff would leave Boston Thursday. I remembered your expression of 'parlous' times and replied that the one-fifty was satisfactory but couldn't the client leave before Thursday."

ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE SUPREME COURT THWARTED

A member of the Supreme Court (not a Democrat) told the Librarian of the Supreme Court who told us that in a recent oral argument an attorney, in a tone calculated to melt the heart of a block of Cotopaxi granite, exclaimed:

"Why, if your honors please, this transaction has been like a millstone eating out the vitals of my client!"

WHAT! NO CUSTOMERS?

"The forbears had all been pioneers— . . . the uncle is building up a large and reputable mercantile business by the sheer force of his own personality."

—William H. Robinson, Jr.: *Amos Steck*, 10 DICTA 132, 133.

THE TWENTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL NOW COME TO ORDER

While examining into the constitutionality (from a legal viewpoint only) of 3.2% beer, Kenneth M. Wormwood, Esq., fastened upon this irrefutable authority:

"Men have been getting drunk ever since Noah celebrated the subsidence of the flood. The ancient Germans, from whom the Anglo-Saxon race sprung, used to propose their laws in their legislature while drunk and consider their passage while sober. And it is suspected by some that their descendants propose laws in legislatures of the present day while in the same condition, though their enactment may not be considered while sober, as by their ancestors."

—*Texarkana Ry. Co. v. Frugia*, 43 Tex. Civ. App. 48.

WOE! WOE!! WOE!!!

It is a source of deepest regret to us that an eminent Denver counselor reads the *Albany Law Journal*. For if he did not we should not have to suffer what appears in print below. Says this lawyer: "Dear Ben: Think this little effusion deserves a place in Dictaphun. Don't mention me." We only wish we could be as anonymous. In fact our story is going to be that the Editor-in-Chief forced us to print it.

FAUX-PAS

There was a little lawyer man
 Who meekly smiled as he began
 Her poor dead husband's will to scan.
 He smiled as he thought of his fee
 Then said to her so tenderly,
 You have a nice fat legacy.
 Next morn when he lay on his bed
 With plasters on his broken head
 He wondered what on earth he'd said.
 —*Albany Law Journal*.

WE CAN THINK OF PLENTY

Under the heading "Moaning at the Bar" the esteemed *Colorado Graphic* remarks:

"The Publishers of the Colorado Law Alumni directory are anxious to have any mistakes called to their attention. . . . If you see a place where a change should be made please call William H. Robinson, Jr. . . ."