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The report of the decision of the Supreme Court (per Hilliard, J.) in *Thompson v. Beck*, 21 P. (2d) 712, contains this:

"\* \* \* The conditions disclosed by this record emphasize the wisdom of Mr. Justice Campbell's observations in *International Trust Co. vs. United Coal Co.* \* \* \*

"Campell, J., dissents."

## PRACTITIONER REPORTS CURIOUS CORRESPONDENCE

A. L. Doud, Esq., of the Denver Bar, addressing himself to the Editor-in-Chief, reports that he recently received a letter containing this language:

"One of these changes, as I have told you, was made while I was unconscious and expected to be dead the next day."

Mr. Doud expresses the hope that "As Editor of DICTAPHUN I thought perhaps you might explain this rather unusual statement." We are as much in the dark as the Editor-in-Chief.

## PRACTITIONER REPORTS CURIOUS REPORT

Charles H. Haines, Esq., also a Denver lawyer, consults the *Colorado Graphic* for May 6, 1933, and discovers a very astonishing report of the-as-yet-unreported case of *Smith vs. Windsor Co.*, No. 13214. Says the *Graphic*:

"The plaintiff's son, John, age seven, was drowned while playing on the bank of defendant's canal."

## EDITORS OF DICTA IN INTERNECINE STRIFE

In 10 DICTA 202 is a very long statement attributed to Dunbar F. Carpenter, Esq., of the Boston Bar, and praising DICTA very much indeed. It is captioned "We Thank You" and the parenthetical admonition added "Dictaphun, please note."

We have noted to the extent that we interviewed Peter H. Holme, Esq., of the Denver Bar, to whom the statement was charged to have been sent. He declined to comment, although observing that the spring weather was a delightful change. We then stole the original of the statement from the files of the Editor-in-Chief and submitted it to a committee consisting of one literary genius, one handwriting expert and Ferdinand Pecora. The committee, through Mr. Pecora, submitted a unanimous report of one word—

Mr. Pecora: "Apocryphal!"

For the benefit of the Board of Editors (us excluded) apocryphal means fictitious, suprious or false.

Note those!

## OUR COUSIN FROM MILWAUKEE

The very same *Colorado Graphic* declares on April 15, 1933, that "At last we've attained the pinnacle of greatness! We've been quoted—albeit with a smile—by DICTA. Ad astra per aspera, sine qua non, or whatever it is one says in a moment like this.

"And just for that, we're going to say that DICTA gets better 'n' better as time goes on. And that's no joke. We like the news items, the reports of interesting speeches, and the articles on points of law—and the first thing we read in each issue is Dictaphun. We don't need many of the jokes explained to us, because, you see, we were raised on most—well, several—of them."

Thank you very much. We esteem the *Graphic* and the first thing we read in each issue is Moaning at the Bar. And, like the *Graphic* editor, the first thing we read in DICTA is Dictaphun, but, unlike him, we don't read anything else in DICTA.

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**Explanation of District Court Case Numbering System**

By BENTLEY M. McMULLIN

The District Court once met en banc

The judges being present

Some in their robes, some in their wigs,

Some in a garb quiescent.

A strange, moot question then arose

As to what certain digits

Were best or luckiest or would

Most help judicial fidgets.

"I like the ones and sixes,"

They heard Judge Calvert say,

"The twos and sevens better are,"

Responds Sackman, P. J.;

Then Steele sprang up and vowed that he

Preferred the threes and eights;

"The fours and nines are, after all,

The best," Starkweather states.

McDonough had the last to say;

He took the five and nought;

And ever since these Judges have

The numerals they sought.

All numbers being then used up,

With deferential nods,

Judge Dunklee took the evens and

Judge Holland took the odds.