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## A GEORGETOWN WORTHY\*

The conductor (laughter) of this column (renewed laughter) has found it is much easier to use some one else's stuff than to compose the same. (Applause.) The present writer holds no brief for his predecessor—or for any one else. (Applause on the Democratic side.) Nevertheless the predecessor aforesaid was always eloquent when not original and we will be the same.

E. g.: In the collection he has made of books, papers and writings concerning early Colorado Fred Y. Holland, Esq., Librarian of the Supreme Court, possesses a number of copies of *The Centennial*, published at Georgetown in—believe it or not—1876. No. 1, Volume 1, asserts: "Our readers and patrons must not conclude, because we have called our sheet THE CENTENNIAL, that it is only to be published once every hundred years, for we assure them, before half that time expires, they may safely calculate on seeing No. 2 of this Vol." And they did, because it is in No. 2 thereof that we find the language which is going to fill up this space for this month—and now we won't have to work again until the Editor-in-Chief tells us two or three times that Messieurs Kistler are holding the presses. That is to say:

### A SKETCH

In the earlier days of Georgetown, A—T— was one of its best and ablest lawyers. Besides being a clever, companionable fellow, he was a fine speaker, leading off without preparation in a bold, dashing, impromptu style, always supported by a native impudence which was never known to be abashed in any presence, nor on any occasion. He was considerably below the average height of men, with a large head and high forehead, and his keen eyes had in them an expression of impatient desire, such as becomes chronic in an old toper, without money, who is constantly speculating on his chances for the next glass of whiskey, of which he was a prodigious consumer. He drank early in the morning and drank often; he drank after breakfast, and drank frequently; he drank before dinner, and drank untiringly; he drank after dinner, and drank persistently; he drank before tea, and drank inveterately; he drank after tea, and drank tremendously; continuing to drink on in that way when in congenial company, until every other man was under the table.

A sense of personal obligation never startled his conscience, of which we will give one memorable instance:

P—M—, of Central City, sent him accounts and notes for collection, including one of \$8 against T. himself. These he promptly collected and remitted to M., deducting the amount of his fees for collecting, with the exception of the note against himself, which he said he could not

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\*1876 expression, meaning wot-a-man.

collect, and accordingly, as attorney for M., sued himself before a justice of the peace, got a judgment and execution, which was returned, with "no property found".

He immediately sent the following bill to M.:

"Services rendered, case of M. vs. T., \$25.00", and drew on him for the amount, which was promptly remitted.

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### THIS GOES FOR DICTA TOO

At the mast head of No. 1, Vol. 1, of *The Centennial*<sup>1</sup>, is this language: "Circulation—1,000 copies occasionally." In No. 2 this is omitted.

On the last page of No. 2 is an advertisement whose chaste simplicity commends itself to the weary victims of the keep-your-Adam's-apple-kissable-because-its-got-to-be-good school of copy writers. Said advertisement reads:

YATES HOUSE SALOON  
D. S. Dickey, Prop.  
The Bar is furnished with the best  
LIQUORS  
To be found in Georgetown.

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<sup>1</sup>*The Centennial* was published by James S. Randall, who still resides in Georgetown.

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Laws were devised for the safety of citizens and the preservation of states.—*Cicero*.

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A precedent embalms a principle—*Benjamin Disraeli*.

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Men would be great criminals did they need as many laws as they make.  
—*Sir Charles John Darling*

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### BOOKS RECEIVED AT THE SUPREME COURT LIBRARY

Shoemaker on Trademarks, 1931, 2 vols.  
Anderson, Limitations on Corporate Entity, 1931, 1 vol.  
Bowers, The Judicial Discretion of Trial Courts, 1931, 1 vol.  
Bates' Pleading, Practice, Parties and Forms, 1931, 1 vol.  
Griffin and Curtis, Chattel Mortgages and Conditional Sales Under the Uniform Sales Act, 1931, 5th Ed., 1 vol.  
Abbott's Trial Evidence, 1931, 4th Ed., 3 vols.  
All the latest Session Laws and Statutes of all the States.