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WE COULD FURNISH THE NAMES OF PLENTY SUCH

F. D. Stackhouse, Esq., Clerk of the District Court of this here now Second Judicial District has furnished us, with the name of the writer deleted, a letter addressed to him (at least he got it and opened it) and a copy of his reply. The spirited and soul-uplifting correspondence is, in words and figures, as follows, that is to say:

"The Clerk of the Divorce Court, Denver, Colorado.

"Dear Sir:

"I would be pleased if you will send me the name and address of the wildest and wooliest firm of ambulance chasing, go get 'em, knock down and drag out lawyers in Denver. They say that in fighting the devil it is necessary to fight him with fire, and I need some firemen.

"Now don't draw your mantle about you and call on your civic pride which might over-ride the truth, and say there are none such in Denver. I have been practicing law for forty years, and while I have never been in Denver I have visited other cities.

"I need not say that the gentlemen you mention, if this request is complied with, will not be advised of your somewhat left handed testimonial.

"Thanking you in advance, I remain,

"Very respectfully,

"MAURICE MOE OR SOMETHING."

"June 23, 1931

"Dear Sir:

"Your letter, without date, received yesterday.

"The very nature of the qualifications of the attorney required by you, are such that I deemed it unwise to make a selection on my own responsibility, and have therefore consulted several attorneys, none of whom could or would qualify.*

"The Colorado Legislature in 1923 passed a law, indexed "Ambulance Chasing Unlawful", (S. L. 1923, p. 258), carrying a maximum penalty of \$5000 fine and 1 year in Jail, so that, as the Indians chased the Buffalo from the Western Plains, and the White Man in turn chased the Indian from desirable land, so this law has had the effect of closing the legal field of obnoxious attorneys, who are not too careful as to professional ethics.

*There's something wrong here. The lawyer delegated by Mr. Stackhouse to carry the correspondence to us is a most excellent fireman. In fact he is a member of the Board of Editors of this moral journal and fireside companion.

"It is noticed that your letter is addressed to 'The Clerk of the Divorcé Court', and it seems to me, that as we have no such court, you may have addressed the wrong City, and that Reno, Nevada, or Hot Springs, Arkansas, may be able to meet your requirements better than Denver.

"As you have 'thanked in advance' a further acknowledgement will not be expected.

"Very truly yours,

"From 'Out Where the West Begins,'

(Signed) "F. D. STACKHOUSE,
"Clerk, District Court."

STOP PRESS NEWS

Just as Messieurs Kistler were clamping the forms into the press the Board of Editors learned the name and address of Mr. Stackhouse's correspondent. The same will be sold to the highest and best bidder on July 25 at the editorial offices of Dicta. The Editors reserve the right to take the case themselves.

INSTANCES ARE RARE

"Courts are allowed, if they so choose, to act like ordinary sensible persons."—*Mangold v. Bacon*, 237 Mo. 513.

'S NOTHING—WE CAN DO IT OURSELVES

"It requires no great stretch of intelligence, and is certainly not beyond the capacity of the ordinary policeman of our municipalities, to recognize intoxicating liquor by the sense of taste."—*State v. Olson*, 95 Minn. 105.

THE GOOD OLD DOCTRINE OF NOTICE

"We think that his own testimony showed sufficient notice. It was to the effect that after he was told, as he was, that a company carrying its own orchestra would occupy the house, and that he would not be needed, he applied to Wiley, the manager, and was told by him, in reply as to whether he could go to Chicago for a few days, that yes, he could go to hell."—*Gray v. Wulff*, 68 Ind. App. 376.