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## DICTAPHUN

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### UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH IS PERNICIOUS

It appears from the report of Committee on Professional Ethics of the Denver Bar Association (8 Dicta (9) 14)\* that the w. k. firm of X. Y. & Z. have twice as much business as A. B. & C. Yes, and some board of county commissioners is always trying to hire one of the alphabet boys right in the middle of a suit in which the soup material is on t'other side.

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### HOW FLEET THE WORKS OF MAN: BACK TO THE EARTH AGAIN

*"Resolved, by the Council and House of Representatives of Colorado Territory, That we freely concede to Boulder county the proud position to rank as the banner county in this Territory, and that her citizens deserve and are entitled to the thanks and commendations of the people . . . ."* Laws of Fourth Session Territorial Assembly, 151. Approved February 9, 1865.

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### WHO TRANSLATES THEM INTO ENGLISH?

*"Be it resolved by the Council and House of Representatives, of Colorado Territory, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars shall be and the same is hereby appropriated . . . . for the purpose of paying the expense of translating the annual message of Acting Governor Elbert into the Spanish language . . . ."* *Id.*, 150. Approved February 10, 1865.

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### THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW AND FOREVER

The same assemblage of learned gents also memorialized Congress to raise their pay from three to ten bucks a day. *Op. cit.* (whatever that means) 150.

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### THE FLUSH TIMES IN COLORADO

"In the same district (Nevadaville) in 1861 W. Train Mewir was the Judge. Although not a man inclined to hunt a quarrel, he was what was called 'right square on the fight.' The case before the court (Henry M. Teller

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\*q. v.

was of counsel) was one for slander of a widow, and it seems it had gone on until a good deal of ill feeling had arisen among the lawyers and between some of them and the Judge. The court room was a saloon (ah!) engaged for the occasion. Each lawyer had a big navy or a horse pistol on the table before him. The Judge had one of huge dimensions, perhaps two feet long, which he used to enforce order. There was no jail or prison, so it was useless to attempt to fine a man for contempt of court, and the way the judge brought an attorney to order was by bringing down his shooting iron and taking 'a bead' on the offender, at the same time that he commanded him to 'sit down'. This had the desired effect of temporarily quieting the obstreperous scions of the law and also, of clearing the room for a few moments, of all who stood within range. On the third day of the trial, Rankin, one of the lawyers for the defense, attempted to read a letter from some person in Illinois, reflecting on the lady's character, but the court would not receive it as evidence. In summing up the case another attempt was made to submit the letter and ranking swore it would be admitted if his side must kill every one opposing, and drew his revolver. Then there was a general drawing of revolvers by some half a dozen men on each side, who ranged themselves in line of battle while the spectators hastily withdrew. The opinion of the court was sustained, however, without bloodshed."—Fossett *Colorado*, publishing 1876.

We save an exception.

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### THE DEAR DEAD DAYS OF FORDIAN HUMOR

"This is an action in replevin to recover a Ford machine, called in the complaint an automobile." *Hoy v. Gorst*, 79 Oregon 617.

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### THE HOG CASE IS NOT SO WEAK

"The question seems to be whether the cheese case is law; that is a very strong case." *Reg. v. Burgon*, Dears. & B. 22.

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### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Read this one without abbreviation: *Conn v. Converse*.†

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### LATIN POETRY DEPARTMENT—ANSWER NEXT MONTH

Advocatus sed non latro  
Res mirando populo.

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†164 Iowa 604.