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The scene is laid in a British Court of Justice. Barristers, Attorneys, Jurymen and Public enter as the clock strikes ten. A case of Breach of Promise is to be bried; and the Usher exhorts the Jury to remain unbiased although he himself fails to disguise the fact that his sympathies are with the Plaintiff.

Upon the arrival of the Defendant, the Jury, forgetful of the Usher's advice begin to reprove him in no uncertain manner. The Judge enters, and pending the arrival of Counsel, entertains the company with a few details of his own career. Counsel enters, and the Jurymen are sworn in. Angelina, the Plaintiff is called and comes tripping in with Bridesmaids in attendance. The Judge, having taken a great fancy to the first

bridesmaid, sends her a note, which she reads with evident pleasure. But the Judge at that moment catches sight of the Plaintiff, and orders the note to be given to her instead. The case proceeds, and it is evident that the Defendant will be the loser, but he succeeds in bamboozling the Court by declaring that he will marry Angelina today, and his new fancy tomorrow. This places the Court in a dilemma. Counsel refers to a law book and discovers that to marry two wives at a time counts as Burglary. Plaintiff becomes hysterical, and struggles with the Defendant, who declares to all that she is sure he would thrash and kick her, since he is nearly always in liquor.

The Judge orders him to be put to the test, but everyone objects; whereupon the Judge loses his temper, dismisses the Court, and declares that he will marry Angelina himself.



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JUDGE. Baritone PLAINTIFF. Soprano COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF. Tenor DEFENDANT. Tenor FOREMAN OF JURY. Bass USHER. Baritone BRIDESMAIDS SPECTATORS, &c.

Modern dresses, without any extravagance or caricature. The defendant is dressed in a bridal dress. The plaintiff as a bride. The bridesmaids as bridesmaids.

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SCENE.—A Court of Justice. The Bench faces the audience, and extends along the back of the Court. The Judge's desk C., with canopy overhead. Jury-box R., Counse's scats L., at right angle to Witness-box R. C., between Jury-box and Bench. Judge's desk. Entrance to Court R. and L. Judge's entrance on to Bench, in flat R. Under the Judge sit the Associate in barrister's wig, goaw, and bauds. Three steps lead from Witness-box on to Bench.

Barristers, Attorneys, and Jurymen discovered with Usher.

Cho. Hark, the hour of ten is sounding; Hearts with anxious fears are bounding, Hall of Justice crowds surrounding, Breathing hope and fear— For to-day in this arena, Summoned by a stern subpœna, Edwin, sued by Angelina— Shortly will appear.

(The USHER marshals the JURY into Jury-box, Ladies and Barristers cross to L., and sit on Counsel's benches.) Solo, USHER,

> Now, Jurymen, hear my advice— All kinds of vulgar prejudice I pray you set aside: With stern judicial frame of mind, From bias free of every kind, This trial must be tried.

Cho. From bias free of every kind, This trial must be tried.

(During Choruses, Usher says, fortissimo,—"Silence in Court!")

USHER.

Oh, listen to the plaintiff's case: Observe the features of her face— The broken hearted bride. Condole with her distress of mind: From bias free of every kind, This trial must be tried.

Cho. From bias free, etc.

USHER.

And when amid the plaintiff's shrieks, The ruffianly defendant speaks— Upon the other side;

What he may say you needn't mind— From bias free of every kind, This trial must be tried.

Cho. From bias free, etc.

Enter DEFENDANT L. with Guitar. DEFENDANT (recit.).

Is this the Court of the Exchequer?

All. It is!

DEFENDANT (aside).

If this is the Exchequer, Your evil star's in the ascendant.

All.

Who are you?

Defendant.

I'm the Defendant!

Chorus of JURYMEN (shaking their fists). Monster, dread our damages, We're the jury

We're the jury, Dread our fury!

Defendant.

Hear me, hear me, if you please, These are very strange proceedingsFor permit me to remark On the merits of my pleadings, You're at present in the dark.

(DEFENDANT beckons to JURYMEN-they leave the box and gather round him as they sing the following):---

> Ha! ha! ha! That's a very true remark— On the merits of your pleadings, We're entirely in the dark! Ha! ha!—ha! ha!

Song, Defendant.

When first my old, old love I knew, My bosom swelled with joy; My riches at her feet I threw-I was a love-sick boy! No terms seemed too extravagant Upon her to employ-I used to mope, and sigh, and pant, Just like a love-sick boy! Tink-a-Tank—Tink-a-Tank. But joy incessant palls the sense; And love, unchanged will cloy, And she became a bore intense Unto her love-sick boy! With a fitful glimmer burnt my flame, And I grew cold and coy, Chorus of JURYMEN (advancing stealthily). Oh, I was like that when a lad! A shocking young scamp of a rover, I behaved like a regular cad; But that sort of a thing is all over. I'm now a respectable chap And shine with a virtue resplendent, And, therefore I haven't a scrap Of sympathy with the defendant! He shall treat us with awe, If there isn't a flaw, Singing so merrily-Trial-la-law! Trial-la-law-Trial-la-law! Singing so merrily-Trial-la-law! Recit. USHER (on Bench). Silence in Court, and all attention lend. Behold your Judge! In due submission bend! Enter Judge on bench. Cho. All hail great Judge! To your bright rays, We never grudge Ecstatic praise. All hail!

> May each decree As statute rank, And never be Reversed in banc. All hail!

Recit. JUDGE.

For these kind words accept my thanks. 1 pray; A Breach of Promise we've to try today. But firstly, if the time you'll not begrudge. I'll tell you how I came to be a judge.

Δττ He'll tell us how he came to be a judge! IUDGE. Let me speak. Δττ Let him speak. JUDGE. Let me speak. ALL Let him speak. Hush! hush!! hush!!! (fortissimo). He'll tell us how he came to be a judge! Song. JUDGE. When I, good friends, was called to the bar, I'd an appetite fresh and hearty, But 1 was, as many barristers are, An impecunious party. I'd a swallow-tail coat of beautiful blue— A brief which I bought of a booby— A couple of shirts and a collar or two, And a ring that looked like a ruby! Cho. A couple of shirts, etc. JUDGE. In Westminster Hall I danced a dance. Like a semi-despondent fury; For I thought I should never hit on a chance Of addressing a British jurv-But I soon got tired of third-class journeys, Of dinners of bread and water; So I fell in love with a rich attorney's Elderly, ugly daughter. Cho. So he fell in love, etc. TUDGE The rich attorney he jumped with joy, And replied to my fond professions: "You shall reap the reward of your pluck my boy, "You shall reap the feward of your pluck my "At the Bailey and Middlesex Sessions. "You'll soon get used to her looks," said he, "And a very nice girl you'll find her! "She may very well pass for forty-three In the dusk, with a light behind her!" Cho. She may very well, etc. IUDGE. The rich attorney was good as his word: The briefs came trooping gaily, And every day my voice was heard At the Sessions of Ancient Bailey. All thieves who could my fees afford Relied on my orations, And many a burglar I've restored To his friends and his relations. Cho. And many burglar, etc. TUDGE. At length I became as rich as the Gurneys-An incubus then I thought her, So I threw over that rich attorney's Elderly, ugly daughter; The rich attorney my character high Tried vainly to disparage-

And now, if you please, I'm ready to try This breach of promise of marriage! Cho. And now if you please, etc.

JUDGE.

For now I am a Judge!

All.

And a good Judge too!

TUDOR Yes, now I am a Judge! ATT And a good Judge too! TUDGE Though all my law is fudge. Yet I'll never never budge But I'll live and die a Judge! And a good Judge too! JUDGE (pianissimo). It was managed by a job-ALL. And a good job too! JUDGE. It was managed by a job! ATT And a good job too! JUDGE. It is patent to the mob. That my being made a nob Was effected by a job. All

And a good job too!

Enter Counsel for Plaintiff. He takes his place in from row of Counsel's seats, nearest to audience. Counsel. (Recit.)

Swear thou the Jury!

USHER.

Kneel, Jurymen, oh! kneel!

(All the JURY kneel in the Jury-box, and so are hidden from audience.)

USHER.

Oh, will you swear by yonder skies, Whatever question may arise, Twixt rich and poor—twixt low and high, That you will well and truly try.

JURY (raising their hands, which alone are visible). To all of this we make reply,

By the dull slate in yonder sky: That we will well and truly try.

(All rise with the last note, both hands in air). Recit. USHER.

This blind devotion is indeed a crusher-Pardon the tear-drop of the simple Usher! (*He weeps*).

Recit. COUNSEL.

Call the plaintiff.

Recit. USHER.

Oh Angelina! Angelina! Come thou into Court.

(Enter the BRIDESMAIDS, L., each bearing two palm branches, their arms crossed on their bosoms and rosewreaths on their arms).

Chorus of BRIDESMAIDS.

Comes the broken flower— Comes the cheated maid— Though the tempest lower Rain and cloud will fade! Take, oh maid, these posies: Though thy beauty rare Shame the blushing roses— They are passing fair! Wear the flowers till they fade: Happy be thy life, oh maid! (The JUDGE, having taken a great fancy to 1st BRIDESMAID, sends her a note by USHER, which she reads, kisses rapturously, and places in her bosom). Solo ANGELINA. O'er the season vernal, Time may cast a shade: Sunshine, if eternal. Makes the roses fade: Time may do his duty: Let the thief alone-Winter hath a beauty, That is all his own. Fairest days are sun and shade: I am no unhappy maid! By this time the JUDGE has transferred his admiration to ANGELINA). Chorus of BRIDESMAIDS. Comes the broken flower, etc. (During chorus ANGELINA collects wreaths of roses from BRIDESMAIDS and gives them to the JURY, who put them on, and wear them during the rest of the piece). JUDGE (to ASSOCIATE). Oh never, never, never, since I joined the human race. Saw I so exquistely fair a face.

THE JURY (shaking their forefingers at him).

Ah, sly dog! Ah, sly dog!

JUDGE (to JURY).

How say you is she not designed for capture? FOREMAN (after consulting with the JURY).

We've but one word, my lord, and that i3-Rapture! PLAINTIFF (courtseying).

Your kindness, gentlemen, quite overpowers! THE JURY.

We love you fondly, and would make you ours! THE BRIDESMAIDS (shaking their forefingers at JURY).

> Ah, sly dogs! Ah, sly dogs! COUNCIL for PLAINTIFF. (Recit.). May it please you, my lud!

Gentlemen of the jury!

ARIA.

With a sense of deep emotion, I approach this painful case; For I never had a notion That a man could be so base, Or deceive a girl confiding, Vows, etcetera, deriding.

All.

He deceived a girl confiding, Vows, etcetera deriding. (PLAINTIFF falls sobbing on COUNSEL'S breast and remains there). COUNSEL. See my interesting client. Victim of a heartless wile! See the traitor all defiant Wears a supercilious smile! Sweetly smiled my client on him, Coyly woo'd and gently won him. All. Sweetly smiled, etc. COUNSEL. Swiftly fled each honeyed hour Spent with this unmanly male. Camberwell became a bower, Peckham an Arcadian Vale, Breathing concentrated otto !-An existence à la Watteau.

Bless us concentrated otto! etc.

COUNCIL (coming down with PLAINTIFF, who is still sobbing on his breast). Picture, then, my client naming, And insisting on the day: Picture him excuses framing— Going from her far away; Doubly criminal to do so, For the maid had bought her trousseau! ALL. Doubly criminal, etc. COUNSEL (to PLAINTIFF, who weeps). Cheer up, my pretty—oh cheer up! JURY.

Cheer up, cheer up, we love you! (Counsel leads Plaintiff fondly into Witness-box, he takes a tender leave of her, and resumes his place in Court). (Plaintiff reels as if about to faint)

JUDGE.

That she is reeling Is plain to me!

FOREMAN.

If faint your feeling Recline on me!

(She falls sobbing on the Foreman's breast). Plaintiff (feebly).

I shall recover

If left alone.

ALL (Shaking their fists at DEFENDANT).

Atone! atone!

FOREMAN.

Just like a father I wish to be. (Kissing her.)

JUDGE (Approaching her).

Or, if you'd rather, Recline on me!

(She staggers on to Bench, sits down by the JUDGE, and falls sobbing on his breast).

COUNSEL.

Oh! fetch some water From far Cologne!

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For this sad slaughter Atone! atone!

JURY (Shaking fists at DEFENDANT).

Monster, monster, dread our fury, There's the Judge, and we're the Jury!

Song, Defendant.

Oh, gentlemen, listen, I pray, Though I own that my heart has been ranging Of nature the laws I obey, For nature is constantly changing. The moon in her phases is found, The time and the wind and the weather, The months in succession come round, And you don't find two Mondays together. Consider the moral, I pray, Nor bring a young fellow to sorrow, Who loves this young lady today, And loves that young lady tomorrow. BRIDESMAIDS (rushing forward, and kneeling to JURY).

Consider the moral, we pray, etc.

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DEFENDANT.

You cannot eat breakfast all day. Nor is it the act of a sinner, When breakfast is taken away, To turn your attention to dinner: And it's not in the range of belief, That you could hold him as a glutton, Who, when he is tired of beef. Determines to tackle the mutton. But this I am ready to say, If it will appease their sorrow, I'll marry one lady today, And I'll marry the other tomorrow! BRIDESMAIDS (rushing forward as before). But this he is ready to say, etc. JUDGE (Recit.) That seems a reasonable proposition, To which, I think, your client may agree. Δττ Oh. Judge discerning! COUNSEL. But, I submit, my lord, with all submission, To marry two at once is Burglaree! (Referring to law-book). In the reign of James the Second, It was generally reckoned As a very serious crime To marry two wives at one time. (Hands book up to JUDGE, who reads it). ALL Oh, man of learning! Quartette. JUDGE. A nice dilemma we have here, That calls for all our wit: COUNSEL. And at this stage, it don't appear That we can settle it. DEFENDANT (in Witness-box). If I to wed the girl am loth, A breach 'twill surely be---PLAINTIFF (R. C.) And if he goes and marries both. It counts as Burglaree! All A nice dilemma, etc. Duet, PLAINTIFF and DEFENDANT. PLAINTIFF (Embracing him rapturously). I love him—I love him—with fervor unceasing, I worship and madly adore; My blind adoration is always increasing, My loss I shall ever deplore. Oh, see what a blessing, what love and caressing I've lost, and remember it, pray, When you I'm addressing, are busy assessing The damages Edwin must pay. DEFENDANT (Repelling her furiously). I smoke like a furnace-I'm always in liquor, A ruffian-a bully-a sot. I'm sure I should thrash her, perhaps I should kick her, I am such a very bad lot! I'm not prepossessing, as you may be guessing, She couldn't endure me a day; Recall my professing, when you are assessing The damages Edwin must pay! (She clings to him passionately, he drags her round stage, and flings her to the ground). JURY. We would be fairly acting, But this is most distracting!

JUDGE (Recit.) The question, gentlemen—is one of liquor; You ask for guidance—this is my reply: If he, when tipsy, would assault and kick her, Let's make him tipsy, gentlemen, and try! COUNSEL.

With all respect I do object!

All.

With all respect We do object!

DEFENDANT.

I don't object!

All.

We do object!

JUDGE (tossing his books and papers about).

All the legal furies seize you! No proposal seems to please you, I can't stop up here all day, I must shortly go away. Barristers, and you, attorneys, Set out on your homeward journeys; Put your briefs upon the shelf, I will marry her myself! (*He comes down from Bench to floor of Court. He embraces* Angelina).

FINALE

PLAINTIFF (L. C.) Oh, joy unbounded, With wealth surrounded The knell is sounded Of grief and woe. COUNSEL (R. C.) With love devoted On you he's doated, To castle moated Away they go. DEFENDANT (L). I wonder whether They'll live together In marriage tether In manner true? USHER (R.) It seems to me, sir, Of such as she, sir, A judge is he, sir, A good judge, too. CHORUS. It seems to me sir, etc. TUDGE. O, yes, I am a Judge. All. And a good Judge too! JUDGE. Oh, yes, I am a Judge. ALL. And a good Judge too! ∫UDGE. Though homeward as you trudge. You declare my law is fudge, Yet of beauty I'm a judge. All.

And a good Judge too!

JUDGE and PLAINTIFF dance back, hornpipe step, and get on to the Bench—the BRIDESMAIDS take the eight garlands or roses from behind the Judge's desk (where one of them is fastened) and draw them across floor of Court, so that they radiate from the desk. Two plaster Cupids in bar wigs descend from the flies, Red fire. CURTAIN

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THE JUDGE'S SONG





2. In Westminster Hall I danced a dance, Like a semi-despondent fury; For I thought I should never hit on a chance Of addressing a British jury.
But I soon got tired of third-class journeys, And dinners of bread and water; So I fell in love with a rich attorney's Elderly, ugly daughter.
Chorus-So He fell in love, &c.

3. The rich attorney he jumped with joy, And replied to my fond professions:
"You shall reap the reward of your pluck my boy At the Bailey and Middlesex Sessions.
You'll soon get used to her looks," said he,
"And a very nice girl you'll find her!
She may very well pass for forty-three In the dusk, with a light behind her!"
Chorus - She has often been taken for forty-three, &c.

4. The rich attorney was good as his word, The briefs came trooping gaily, And every day my voice was heard At the Sessions of Ancient Bailey.
All thieves, who could my fees afford, Relied on my orations.
And many a burglar I've restored To his friends, and his relations.
Chorms - And many a burglar he's restored, &c.














CHORUS of JURYMEN To all of this we make re-ply, To



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Nº 6. CHORUS OF BRIDESMAIDS







































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