oon began to long for another voyage, and

chance, in Liverpool, while looking over the

deliberate, determined perjury in his snaky-

ooking eye. For two hours did I cross-

examine him, endeavoring to find a weak

spot in his story, but he had thoroughly

fortified himself and delivered his evidence

with all the coolness and nonchalance of an

expert. As for Passmore, he swore quite as

plumptly as Bledsoe that he was well ac-

quainted with the writing of all the parties

whose names were upon the will, and that

they were all genuine signatures. Further

than this, he remembered distinctly the fact

of Bledsoe's visit, and even went so far as to

swear that Mr. Shelmire sent him for Drake

and Larned the night before Bledsoe left.

He said that he found them, and requested

them to go to the house on business, and

that both had sold him that they would go.

wo scheming villians, nor the grief and de-

"Tell her," I said, "that I am working

have reason to think, was not averse to the

Only a few weeks intervened before the

ment of my sympathy for the poor girl; but

to myself that I had accomplished next to

nothing. I could not find a single person

who knew anything about Bledsoe or his

pretended visit to the deceased; and Mr

Shelmire, as well as both of the pretended

witnesses to the will, were so little known in

the city, and their transactions with business

I entered the court on the morning of the

trial with a strange feeling of hopefulness.

Except the assertions of fraud and conspir

acy that I could make for my client, I knew

of nothing that promised to tell in her favor

Virginia took her seat at the counsel-table

by me, and looked with interest and curios

ity upon the unaccustomed scene. She was

looking very handsome, notwithstanding the

present besides Will Wayman who though

so, too. I had almost forgotten to mention

wanted somebody to whom I could talk i

confidence about it, and so he had become

thoroughly posted in all its details. I knew

but I was far from thinking that he had

The case was called and a jury impaneled

At the conclusion of the respondent's

ise, my counsel addressed the jury in be-

one who knew their writing. He insisted

Virginia told her story in brief. She told

she never heard him speak of Rufus Bledsoe.

girl, and, I thought, sympathized with her

The jury were evidently interested in the

ever she came into the office.

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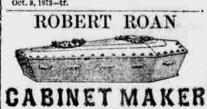
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I do not remember a case in which I ever add, by the use of such very simple means, to me, however, but to a young man, almost | way," a boy, who was at the time a clerk in my office. He was admitted to the bar soon after, and has now got a flourishing practice. His name was William Wayman

Jacob Shelmire, whose will was in troversy, was an old man of eighty and upwards, who had lived many years in the city, doing a small mercantile business. He was a thrifty, economical old tellow, and the value of his property at his death had grown to about £25,000. The old man had lived in a humble way, known only by the few with whom he did business-a harmless, unimportant old body, with nothing noticeable about him except thrift, and therefore his death was an event which, in such a city as his, was not calculated to attract much atention. I had known old Mr. Shelmire, nerely as a passing acquaintance, for some cars; but I first became aware of his death upon the visit of a young lady dressed in nourning to my office to consult me about he estate. She was a pretty, thoughtfulooking girl, of twenty or thereabouts, but m entire stranger to me She mentioned er business; and as I was much engaged at sation with the men with whom I was occuhabitual reserve, and was standing by the oung girl, talking in a low tone with her. But then I did not know that Will had an ng, and that the present call was pursuant

At last the office was cleared of all but us three, and I approached the two young

een talking with this young lady, and have probably ascertained her business; and as ime is likely to be valuable to us to-day, and would then account to the proper person perhaps you can tell me what she wishes a for his sales and the balance of the stock. great deal quicker than she can." I shouldn't have ventured to say as much

f that here. The young lady smiled, giving me to un-

This, as I have said, was my first intimaion that he had had any family. A few oments' talk with the girl put me right bout the facts. Her name was Virginia Garvin; ner mother had been Mr Shelmire's only daughter. The old man's wife died years before, and the daughter, Virginia's nother also died in a distant town, a widow when Virginia was but eight years old Left n poverty, without relatives, and almost vithout friends, she resolved to seek her grandfather, whom she had never seen, but of whom she had often heard her mother ner warmly to his home. Virginia knew hat he had purchased several adjacent iouses very cheaply, and they had increased n value; and she supposed that he deposital in the bank in his own name, severa consand pounds. In short, the total value

of the estate, real and personal, as I afterwards discovered, was rather above than elow £25,000. Virginia stated that she did not know of mother living relative of the deceased beside nerself, and believed there was none. She said her grandfather had very often told her that she should have all that he had when he died, and that he had given her the same

assurance when he was in his last sickness. "But was there a will?" She said, in answer to this question, he had never said a word on this subject, and she was sure he would have mentioned t had he made one, as he had no secretfrom her. I bade her go home and make a areful search for such an instrument, and eturn to me when she had done so

She was back the same afternoon. She and searched the house thoroughly, and particularly the little desk where her grandfather kept his papers, and she brought to me all she could find in his hand-writing. There was nothing more than a single book of accounts, three bills of goods sold, and ome unimportant memoranda about his business, hastily scrawled upon slips of pa per of uneven sizes. In looking these things over I observed that the hand-writing of the deceased was very eccentric in its character. The up-strokes of almost every letter were very heavy, the down-strokes light, the writing sometimes closely followed up the line, and again went up above or below it for several inches; its general appearance was singular and unfinished, and the whole struck me at first as an oddity in the way of

"Did he always write like this?" I care lessly asked the girl.

"Yes, sir, always," she replied. And ther I told her to accompany me to a proctor's office, where I would take the preliminary steps to secure the estate to her. Virginia, being under age, could not be appointed administrator of Jacob Shelmire's estate, and it was my purpose to consult with the proctor and procure the appointment of some honest, trustworthy man, who would discharge the trust with fidelity to the girl and all others interested. Those latter would be few or none, as the girl had informed me that her grandfather never contracted any debts that she knew of, and that no bills had been sent to the house since his death, some

by a flight of narrow stairs, hall-way up which we met a man descending. I noticed nothing about him except that he had a thick black beard and moustache, a keen eye, and was dressed in a suit of fashionable ent and make, and sported a large glittering watch chain. He looked carelessly at us,

the top of the stairs I saw that my companion looked after them and I asked her if she

"I don't know the first," she replied. "The other is Mr. Passmore, who used to help my grandfather sometimes in the warehouse. He has been selling off the stock since succeeded so unexpectedly, and, I might grandfather died. But I thought it so queer that he shouldn't speak to me. He knows as in the celebrated Shelmire will case. The me just as well as any one can; but when principal credit of this success was not due he saw my face he looked quite the other

> The incident did not disturb me at the time, although I did not fail to remember it afterwards, and to attach deep meaning to it. We found the proctor alone in his office and I stated our business. The good man looked first incredulous and then puzzled, and exclaimed, "Well, this is strange! Did you meet any one on the stairs?"

stranger." "Well, sir, that stranger is called Rufus files of a paper, of the death of Jacob Shel-Bledsoe. He states to me that he was a mire. Curiosity led him to examine the listant relative of the late Mr. Shelmire's document which he had given him, and he wife, and that he has the last will and testament of Mr. Shelmire himself in his pos-

ession. He has applied for probate upon it,

on the 19th of the present month. There

"Virginia Garvin?" I suggested.

This, of course, was all the information follow me, I returned to my office.

My lawyer's instinct had already suggested the moment with other clients, I asked her a suspicion of foul play in this proceeding; o be seated for half an hour, and told Way- and after explaining to the astonished girl man to find her a chair. During my conver- what I had learned, I interrogated her about the two men we had met Bledsoe she depied, I looked occasionally into the next clared she had never seen or heard of before, room (the door being open), and saw that She knew that he had never been to the my clerk had for once broken through his house of her grandtather since she had lived there, and she had never heard the old man name him. As to Passmore, she could add little to what she had already told me of acquaintance with her of some weeks stand- him. In busy times she knew that Mr. Shelmire was in the habit of calling in this Passmore to assist him in his sales and accounts. Her grandfather had sometimes spoken of him as a good assistant, a faithful hand; but he had never been at the house until after his employer's death, when he came to tell her that he would carry on the business as usual until the estate was settled, She had not seen him since until to-day.

further was to be done in the matter until as that before an elderly lady, who might the 19th, when the citation to attend the have felt called upon to resent my words as an imputation upon her garrulity; but I will was returnable. I sat in a brown study ould see that there was not the least danger after she left the office; and then, jumping up with a sudden impulse, I snatched my hat and went up and down the streets of the erstand that she understood my meaning; city until I came to the dingy ware-house and Will explained that she was the grand- that still bore on its weather beaten signlaughter of the late Mr. Shelmire, and his board overhead the name of Jacob Shelmly relative, so far as she knew, and there- mire. I entered, and before me were the ore entitled to his estate; and she desired two men that I had met on the Surrogate's to take such legal steps as were necessary to stairs. They were whispering together over he desk as I entered, and Passmore advance ed as soon as he saw me, and curtly demanded my business

> asked, without preface, "Have you any interest, sir, in opposition to that of your late employer's granddaughter?" "Have you any business to ask me such a

"I am her counsel, sir," I replied, "and-"Yes, yes," he interrupted. "Well, sir, the will is to be proved on the nineteenth, speak. She found him, and he welcomed and if you are present you will know all "But how is it about the will?" I asked. men, which required them to write, had been

"She is mistaken," he coolly rejoined, now, sir, have you nothing to communi-

"Nothing whatever, sir," he responded, with a bland smile. "Mr. Passmore, you are a scoundrel, sir,

'Mr. Williams, you are certainly anyting but a gentleman," was his tantalizing anxiety in her face; and there were others joinder; and, with a meek bow, he retired I went back to my office, chafed and irriated to an unwonted degree, and entirely the deep interest that Master Will had taker satisfied that a deep plot had been formed to in the case since its commencement. cheat Virginia Garvin out of her inheritmee. I thoroughly believed it, but I could o nothing but wait until the day appointed or the probate of the will had brought its that he pondered over them considerably

surrogate at the hour named in the citation with my client. There were also present Passmore, Bledsoe, and a distinguished member of our bar, whom the latter has obtained to assist him. The man Bledson produced an instrument which purported to be, and which he declared was, the will and testament of Jacob Shelmire. It was very brief, giving to Rufus Bledsoe all the property, both real and personal, of which h should die possessed. It was dated, I ob served, about a year previous to the time that Virginia had come to live with her grandfather; it was signed with the full name, Jacob Shelmire, written apparently in the same hand with the body of the instrument (and the handwriting was marvelously like that of Jacob himself,) and it was wit essed, or purported to be, by Thomas Drake and Peter Larned, both merchants of the city. As he read their names, I happened to know that both of them had been dead several years.

that the pretended will was a base fabrica-The will was proved by Bledsoe and Passtion, and that the whole story of these men more, both of them testifying to the genuwas a lie, coined and uttered for the purpose ineness of the signatures of both the testator of defrauding a poor girl of her patrimony. and witnesses. And Bledsoe, in addition, swore that he had received the will from the she was, how long she had lived with Jacob Shelmire personally, upon the day dr. Shelmire, and what her relations with after its date. him had been. The point of her evidence The story which this man told was subwas that he had very often declared that she

face seemed familiar to me. On reaching dead, my boy," he said, "and I have no kith nor kin on earth that I know of; I had a daughter, but she is dead, too, and I can't learn that she has left me any children to take care of. You are welcome, indeed my

lad." With this, he took him home and treated him most affectionately while he stayed. The old man was anxious to adopt him and keep him with him till death should separate them; but isledsoe was a sailor, and at last told the old man that he must go. The night before he went, Mr. Shelmire sat

up after his usual bedtime writing, and in the morning he gave to his guest a folded paper which he told him would do him good gave him £100, and leaving London the same day, Bledsoe had seen no more of it until the day before his interview with the proctor. He had been at sea most of the

"Yes," I replied; "Mr. Passmore and a

was only one person to be cited, and she and both the witnesses write, and that he ives in the city."

"Yes, that is the name." he proctor had to give. Bidding Virginia

I explained to Virginia that nothing

The bluntness of his manner, unexpected s it was, threw me off my guard, and I sitting of the court at which this case was to be tried. I worked with all the zeal and fidelity of my nature, and with the excitewhen the day of trial came, I had to confess

uestion?" he retorted, rudely, if not insult-

'Virginia insists that there is none, and---" so few, that it was with great difficulty that I could find any one who knew their writing. "Mr. Passmore," I said, "from the rela- And of those who had seen them write, and ions that have existed between yourself and who examined the pretended will, there was this young lady's grandfather, you should not one who could swear that either of the consider it your duty to acquaint her with signatures was not genuine. mything that may happen to your knowledge, adverse to her interests. I ask you

ciaculated.

worked out anything that could be of any practical use in the case. I understood him better before the day was over. The respondent's counsel opened the case in an address of half an hour, giving all the details, and telling minutely what he could prove. Then followed the evidence of Bledsoe and Passmore, giving as audaciously and counsel's cross-examination failed to entrap either of them into any inconsistency, or to shake their wonderful self-possession in the half of his client. He roundly charged had occupied the witness box all the mornthat both witnesses to the pretended will were dead, and the difficulty of finding any

stantially as follows: He was a nephew of should be his heir; that he had never mentioned the subject of a will to her, and that

the late Mrs Shelmire, and was quite a boy when his aunt was married. His new uncle saw him on that occasion, and took quite a fancy to him. The wedding, he said, was in a distant town, where his parents resided, and when the wedding party broke up, Mr Shelmire said to him, "Remember me, my boy if ever you want help." Years after, when chance left him penniless in London, he remembered the circumstance, and went in and passed down; and just behind him search of Mr. Shelmire; and the old man came another, a slim, elderly man, whose gave him a warm welcome. "Your aunt is soiled, with the following written upon it:

JULY the 9th, 18-. bar'ls flour, Barlow Mills. JACOB SHELMIRE."

The person to whom this was addressed had long been a large operator in flour, and supplied many of the dealers in the city. The handwriting of this order seemed to be identical with that in which the will was written: and the date was the same year.

I looked inquiringly at Will. "Recall Bledsoe," he said, in a whisper, "and let our counsel ask him whose writing

hand, ran his eye keenly over it, and, in anome time. The old man at the same time swer to the question, said that this was undoubtedly Jacob Shelmire's handwriting. I looked again at my clerk.

will is Mr. Shelmire's." time since, and had learned by the merest I made our counsel ask the question, and the lip of the witness curled under his moustache Certainly he was, he replied; there could be no doubt of either,

> "Let him go," he whispered, "and go brough the same with Passmore. I did so, and Passmore clinched the evience of Biedsoe He said that the writing in the order that I had produced was Mr. Shelmire's beyond question. He would

> Mr. Gregg? Yes, very often. Might be have taken this? Very easily; in fact, he remembered this particular order. Mr. Passmore went down with an air of easy insolence; and Will, his eyes beaming with delight, leaned over and whispered again in my ear. He did not utter more than four words, but they operated upon me almost like the shock of an electric battery. and the weight that had lain at my heart for

I whispered to our counsel, and he called he name of William Wayman. Disposing of the preliminary questions as

pose of drawing these two gentlemen into he triumphant looks and actions of those the trap they have so cleverly walked into. And I believe that if you'll look close you'll pondency of poor Virginia. The sight of find my imitation of poor old Jacob Shelher pretty face, pale and patient, and so very mire's writing a great deal better than anxious, made me nervous and unfit for theirs." work; and at last I told my student, Will This was virtually an end of the case. Wayman, that he must talk with her when-

and comfort her. And Master Will, as I executed the will in dispute; and, without leaving their seats, they One of the most remarkable things connected with the trial was the sudden disappearance of Bledsoe and Passmore. Within fifteen minutes after the verdict I had a warrant for their arrest on a charge of perjury and forgery in the hands of the police, but they never found them. They had fled, secretly and precipitately, and we never

> vin, will not be of age for some months yet, and it is necessary to have an administrator and a guardian appointed. Do you know whom she would prefer?" "I have no doubt, sir," Will solemnly

eplied, "that she would prefer me. And as his adroitness had saved Virginia's case, and

He that is never idle will not often be

rise, you will see that all the lights in your ouse are out before you go to bed,

When a young lady dreams of a coffin, it betokens that she should instantly discon tinue tight stays, and always go warmly and thickly shod in wet weather.

A rich but parsimonious old gentleman on

erjury and fraud upon the two men who being taken to task for his uncharitableness -

ing, pointing out the suspicious circumstance only knew how it hurts when I give anything. von wouldn't wonder. A wealthy and eccentric woman in Springfield, Ill., contributes \$500 a year to the support of one of the churches there, but cannot be induced to attend a single service. Nor

will she allow its pastor to enter her house,

been cheated in a bushel of wheat. Some one has just found out that a bushel contains exactly 550,000 grains of wheat; all you have to do is to count the grains, and if the count isn't full you can rely upon it you are a swin-

A strong-minded woman in Detroit made the following gentle reply to a politician who go the polls and vote : "No, sir; he can't go.

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"Mr. JOHN GREGG: Please send me two

that is." I did so. Bledsoe took the paper in his

"Ask him," he whispered, "if he is as ure of it as he is that the writing in the

I looked again at Will.

discovered, to his amazement, that it was the old man's last will and testament, giving all his property to him and making him his and I have granted him a citation returnable executor. In addition to this, the fellow swore that he had often seen Mr. Shelmire knew that these were their genuine signaknow that writing anywhere. And Mr. shelmire often wrote such orders and sent That this man had lied from beginning to them by him. Had he ever taken any to and I could not have the least doubt. I saw

> six weeks was rolled away. In one instant our victory was insured.

who he was, his occupation, &c., our ounsel asked: "Was this paper in your ossession before I exhibited it here, just

I could make nothing more of them than this; and the Surrogate admitted the will to "Do you know who wrote that order?" probate when the examination was finished. From this decision I took an appeal to a "Tell us about it." "I wrote it myself last night, for the pur-I shall have nothing to say at present of

The jury began to cast indignant looks at Mr. Bledsoe, and his companion, both of whom turned white and red, and looked very hard for her, and that I will do what can be uncomfortable. The judge simply told the jury that it remained for them to say, from And with that I left him to talk with her the evidence, whether Jacob Shelmire had

> heard of them again. I can only say that I have full faith in the truth of the words, The way of the transgressor is hard " Some days after the trial, I said to my clerk, "Well, Will, my client, Virginia Gar-

I am to become her husband in two weeks, you will concede the propriety of the sug-I did more; I shook the splendid fellow by the hand and wished him a whole century of happiness. And I was not above acknowledging to him, then and there, that

that there was a peculiar fitness in her

choosing him for her life-guardian,

A green grocer-one who trusts,

A man 81 years old is confined in the To dream a millistone is about your neck is a igu of what you may expect if you marry an

thurch festival the money he owes to other people? is the question asked by a contemcompletely as before the Surrogate. My porary

said, "True, I don't give much but if you

but I well knew that this could not prevail against the strong affirmative evidence of the had called at her house to get her husband to Will Wayman had sat quietly by the table He's washing now, and he's going to iron totaking minutes of the evidence. He now morrow; and if he was not doing anything he handed me a scrap of paper, folded, torn and couldn't go. I rule this 'ere house, I do; and if any one votes it'll be this same woman.