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An Alabama negro was defended in court by Senator Morgan. Having cleared the negro of the charge, the senator said to him, “Rastus, did you really steal the mule?”

“Well, Marse Morgan, it was just like this,” said Rastus. “I really thought that I did steal dat mule, but after what you said to the jury I know I didn’t.”—The Presbyterian of the South.

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Lawyer had no such scruples

A town character, who had been in trouble with the police many times, was arrested recently on a minor criminal charge. The arresting officer was amazed when the fellow appeared in police court with a lawyer prepared to make a defense. Finally his case was called and the judge asked:

“Prisoner, are you guilty or not guilty?”

“Let my lawyer plead not guilty for me, judge,” was the reply. “I ain’t got the nerve.”—Kansas City Star.

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