

Once Judge William M. Conley, of Madera, California, was trying a case wherein a woman sought to recover a diamond ring she had in fonder moments given to a gentleman friend, says the Saturday Evening Post:

"When you gave this man this ring didn't you think him the best ever?" asked the judge.

The woman blushed and hesitated, and finally admitted she did.

"No, be honest," continued the judge: "didn't you think him the handsomest man you had ever known?"

The woman blushed again and then leaned over and whispered something to the judge. Presently he instructed the jury to find for her.

Everybody wondered what it was the witness had told the judge. The judge wouldn't tell, but finally a stenographer divulged the secret. What she whispered was: "Not half so handsome as you are, judge."