

**NO. 48.**

Sailor. May it please your honour, I begin to be after finding what the spalpeen would be at. He means, your honour, that he has seen the land lubber here, 'three sheets in the wind.'

Counsel. [More composed] And what is that,ency?

Sailor. Why it means that he was 'half a sheet overboard,' but else your honour.

Witness. 'Well, now if you'll just hear a minute, I'll tell you how it is; I've seen this fellow when he wasn't neither drunk nor sober, but somewhere about half way between and between, I mean pretty well swizzled. Do you understand me?

Sailor. Heer heer, got out of all patience called another witness, who testified that he had seen him somewhat 'stewed.' A third witness had seen him 'pretty fat.'

The jury decided, that although the defendant was occasionally a little coddled, he could not be called an habitual drunkard.

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