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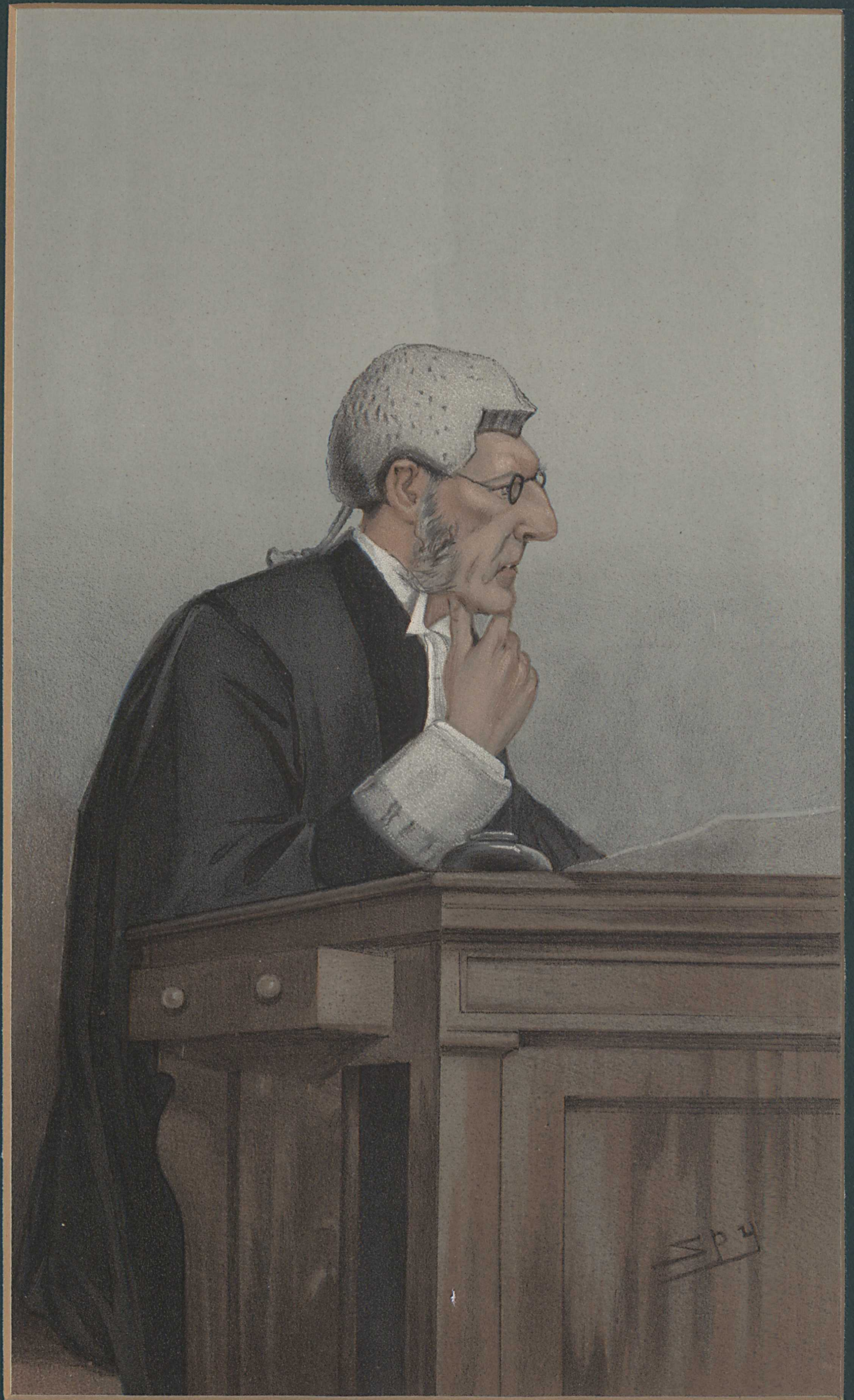
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THE COMMON SERJEANT OF LONDON.

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FREDERICK ALBERT BOSANQUET was born to a Welshman four-and-sixty years ago. From the Principality he came to Eton and King's College, Cambridge; where he was a Classical First, a Senior Optime, and a Fellow. Then he joined the Inner Temple, and for years was a familiar feature of the Oxford Circuit; until after some twenty years of more or less consistent practice—as Junior Counsel to the Admiralty and other things—he took silk. He also wrote a treatise on “The Statutes of Limitation” and Recorded for Worcester and Wolverhampton until last year, when he was improved into Common Serjeant. He once stood for Parliament, but the Election was over before he had time to state his case to the Electors; yet as a barrister he was always in great demand as an arbitrator. He was, indeed, an admirable lawyer, if rather too slow and solemn to be a very successful advocate in any but the most ponderous cases. On circuit his portentous solemnity of manner earned him a reputation for wit; but another member of it once said (perhaps in jealousy) that the Oxford Circuit could not recognise wit when they met with it. Now he is quite a good Judge in the Mayor's Court and at the Old Bailey; for he is one of those men who do better as a Judge than as an advocate.