

AN INSISTENT JUDGE

Tim Cassel's father was an elegant barrister and judge who tended to speak in Victorian upper-class Cockney,¹ saying things like, 'Me poor old eyes ain't strong enough to read the document you gave me.' He was once trying a burglar who had handcuffed a householder before robbing him. Judge Cassel insisted on demonstrating the way these handcuffs worked by putting them on his own wrists, and he brushed aside the prosecuting counsel's frequent attempts to dissuade him. When he was helplessly manacled, the judge allowed the prosecutor to explain that the police had never recovered the key to the handcuffs. Tim's father had to be led off the bench and the local ironmonger was sent for.

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Transcribe your text here:

This is the key:

'tɪm 'kæslz 'fɑ:ðə | wəz ən 'eləgənt 'bærɪstə r ən 'dʒʌdʒ | hu 'tendɪd tə 'spi:k ɪn vɪk'tɔ:riən 'ʌpə
 kla:s 'kɒkni | 'seɪɪŋ 'θɪŋz 'laɪk | mi 'pɔ: r əʊld 'aɪz eɪnt 'strɒŋ r 'nʌf tə 'ri:d ðə 'dɒkjumənt ju 'gɜv
 mi || hi wəz 'wʌns 'traɪŋ ə 'bɜ:glə | hud 'hæŋkʌft¹ ə 'haʊshəʊldə | bə'fɔ: 'rɒbɪŋ hɪm || 'dʒʌdʒ
 'kæsl ɪn'sɪstɪd ɒn 'demənstreɪtɪŋ ðə 'weɪ ði:z 'hæŋkʌfs¹ 'wɜ:kt | baɪ 'pʊtɪŋ ðəm ɒn hɪz 'əʊn
 'rɪsts | ən hi 'brʌft ə'saɪd ðə 'prɒsəkju:tɪŋ 'kaʊnslz 'fri:kwənt ə'temptz tə dr'sweɪd hɪm || wen hi
 wəz 'helpləsli 'mænəkɪd | ðə 'dʒʌdʒ ə'laʊd ðə 'prɒsəkju:tə tu ɪk'spleɪn | ðət ðə pə'li:s hæd 'nevə
 rə'kʌvəd ðə 'ki:tə ðə 'hæŋkʌfs¹ || 'tɪmz 'fɑ:ðə 'hæt tə bi 'led ɒf ðə 'benʃ | ən ðə 'ləʊkɪ
 'aɪənməŋgə wəz 'sent fɔ: |