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On a trial before Lord Mansfield, a witness named Elm gave his evidence with remarkable clearness although he was more than eighty years of age. Surprised at the old man's intelligence, his lordship examined him as to his habits of living, and found that he had throughout life been an early riser and a very temperate man.

"Ay," remarked the Chief-Justice, in an approving tone, "I have always found that without temperance and good early habits, longevity is never attained."

The next witness, an elder brother of the early riser, also surprised him in the clearness of the evidence he gave.

"I suppose," observed Lord Mansfield, "that you also are an early riser?"

"No, my lord," answered the veteran, frankly. "I like my bed at all hours, and special-*lie* I like it of a morning."

"Ah! but like your brother, you are no doubt a temperate man?" asked the judge, anxious for the fate of his theory.

"My lord," replied the ancient Elm, who lived in an age when drinking was a fashionable vice, "I am a very old man, and my memory is as clear as a bell, but I can't remember the night when I've gone to bed wholly sober."

Lord Mansfield was silent.

"Ah, my lord!" exclaimed Mr. Dunning, a lawyer, "this old man's case supports a theory upheld by many persons, that habitual intemperance is favorable to longevity."

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