

THE SPEECHES TO THE JURY.

MR. ARNOLD FOR THE STATE.

Mr. Arnold. Gentlemen, in the brief space at my disposal, I could not possibly discuss all of the facts in this case. It has taken over a day and half for the hearing of the witnesses and it is therefore only possible for me to touch the high points. I hope to get all the high points in the testimony before my time expires. Every case is controlled by a few main features in the evidence. These features it is impossible to get around. Gentlemen, this is a really hard case to argue because the facts are so clear.

Gentlemen of the jury, I hate to think that the day can ever come when there shall be one law for the rich and one for the poor in the State of Georgia. Before the law all persons are alike, and because a man is wealthy cannot prejudice the minds of honest men against him. We all have a chance to become rich, it depends entirely upon ourselves. When by our industry and business application we gather what we regard as riches, it must not be said that we are unprotected from the attacks of envious and unscrupulous characters. We all want to become rich. This woman wanted to become rich at one lick. She set a huge figure for one immoral act.

The greatest enemy to good law, it has been said, is the man who says, "the defendant is a woman. She is guilty, but, because of her sex, let us turn her loose." Gentlemen, such arguments trample justice under foot. You said that you were impartial in your minds in this case when you answered the *voir dire*, not merely that you were impartial except where there was a woman in the case. God pity that man, that snuffling, sniffing, spineless creature that loses his head over a woman's tears.

I do not want to be hard on anybody. The verdict in this case cannot be hard. The law of Georgia classes the crime only as a misdemeanor. I think that it ought to be a felony, but