



James Fitzgerald has been for many years identified with the legal machinery of New York City and his selection as the trial justice in the famous Thaw murder case is looked upon by both the prosecution and the defense with great favor. He always has been felt to be entirely without bias in presiding over cases and, although this essential is presumed to be paramount in all justices' appointments, it is not generally believed that the quality is always preponderant. Temporarily, it is usually being the loophole through which Thaw escaped punishment for his crime. It is generally believed that Justice Fitzgerald may be confidently expected to give a wholly impartial charge to the jury along these lines and to cite incidents and precedents for the guidance of the 12 men who are to decide the fate of the young millionaire.