

THE RECORD NEVER FORGETS

One of the great tennis players of the day, Helen Wills Moody, in a delightful autobiographical sketch recently published, says that her memory is poor as to scores and other details of her tennis games—her forgetting is so wise that she promptly forgets any errors she may make in her plays—and thus she does not worry about them.

There are indeed many things better forgotten—and it is equally true that there are some things to be remembered. And that is where the shorthand reporter comes in. contrary to more or less popular belief, there is no necessary relation between memory and the reading of shorthand notes; except, of court that part of memory which enables one to read any sort of writing. It is generally a little easier to read shorthand notes recently taken, where the reading is done by the writer of the notes. But after their cooling has progressed slightly, their subsequent “getting cold” is altogether negligible. Members of the Colorado Shorthand Reporters Association can show you plain, legible shorthand taken right here in court in Denver more than 50 years ago. Though the writer of those notes passed to his reward years ago: a transcript will gladly be furnished at the usual folio rate! Or if you want to go further back, why you can procure a transcript of shorthand notes, which you may see for yourself, taken more than 70 years ago in some of the great sewing machine litigation. For shorthand is much older than sewing machines.

Without the ability of a shorthand reporter by the name of Rober R. Hitt, most of the great speeches of Lincoln would never have been read by his or succeeding generations. And incidentally those speeches were transcribed by Hitt and put in print before Lincoln ever saw them; and it is said that such reporters of those speeches which Lincoln looked at showed no revisions whatsoever. Maybe we of today are not as good as Hitt—but then there is no surplus of Lincolns, either!

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