

Mrs Grey was old and deaf, and she was in court, accusing a neighbour of allowing his dogs to come into their garden, damage her vegetables and run after her cat and her chickens.

After hearing both sides, the judge thought that it would be best and cheapest for everybody if Mrs Grey and her neighbour could come to some sort of arrangement to settle the matter between themselves, so he asked the lawyer who was representing Mrs Grey to find out how much money she wanted from her neighbour in order to stop the action against him.

Her lawyer explained to her what was happening, but Mrs Grey could not hear what he said, so he repeated loudly, 'The judge wants to know what you will take.'

'Oh, thank you very much,' Mrs Grey answered politely. 'Please tell him that I'll have a glass of beer.'