While Mr Green was waiting for a bus one morning, a car passed him, going very rapidly. Mr Green just had time to think, 'That fellow's certain to have an accident if ...', before that was exactly what happened: the car hit the side of a bus violently as it was passing, and there was a terrible noise and quite a lot of damage.

Mr Green hurried to see whether anyone had been hurt, but everyone was all right. However, the bus driver asked him to be a witness at the trial, and Mr Green agreed.

At the trial, the judge asked Mr Green, 'How far were you from the place where the accident took place?'

'Eleven metres and forty-eight centimetres,' Mr Green answered.

The judge was astonished and said, 'How do you know the distance so exactly?'

'Because I was expecting some fool to ask me,' Mr Green answered.