

Comment by the Editor

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“I’ve been a-turnin’ the bis’ness over in my mind,” said the elder Mr. Weller, referring to Mrs. Bardell’s breach of promise suit against Mr. Pickwick, “and I s’pose he’ll want to call some witnesses to speak to his character, or p’raps to prove a alleybi. Now my advice ’ud be this here — never mind the character, and stick to the alleybi. Nothing like a alleybi, Sammy, nothing.”

The younger Mr. Weller tried to explain that the circumstances in this case made the use of an alibi impossible. But the faith of his father remained unshaken in the universal efficacy of that means of defense, insisting that “a alleybi’s the thing to get him off.” And after the trial, when Mr. Pickwick was ordered to pay seven hundred and fifty pounds damages or go to prison, Mr. Weller shook his head mournfully. “I know’d what ’ud come o’ this here mode o’ doin’ bis’ness. Oh, Sammy, vy worn’t there a alleybi!”

However desirable an alibi may be in some instances, a writ of replevin seems to be the favorite instrument for determining the ownership of meteorites. At least Iowa lawyers have usually resorted to that device — and this State appears to