

# DEAF JUROR.

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## ASTOUNDING ADMISSION.

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### COULD NOT HEAR EVIDENCE.

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MARYBOROUGH, August 2.

An astounding admission was made in the Supreme Court this morning. When a man, who had served on a jury a year ago, said he had not heard the evidence. He was called for to-day's jury, and asked to be excused because of deafness, from which, he said, he had suffered for seven years.

Mr. Justice Brennan said to him: "But you served on recent juries, including one here last July. Did you not hear then?"

The man answered: "Well, your Honour, what helped me then was that I had read all the case in the newspapers before the case."

The Judge was astounded, and immediately excused the man from all service in future. He later emphasised to the jury the necessity for excluding from their minds anything they had read or heard about the case to be put before them, and to consider only the evidence given in their hearing to-day.

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