

Miscellaneous.

A LEGAL BALLAD.

BY JOHN G. SAGE.
An attorney was "taking a turn,"
In shabby habiliments dressed;
His coat was shockingly worn,
And the rust had invested his vest.

His breeches had suffered a breach,
His linen and worsted were worse;
He had scarce a whole crown in his hat,
And not half a crown in his purse.

And thus as he wandered along,
A cheerless and comfortless elf,
He sought for relief with a song,
Or complaining talked to himself:

Most unfortunate man that I am,
My only client is Grief;
The case is I've no case at all;
And in brief, I've no brief.

The profession already so full
Of lawyers so full of profession,
That the modest young man like myself
Can't make the smallest impression."

They grant I'm acquainted with 'grants'
Can devise a 'device' or a plea,
Can make a good deed in 'fee simple'
But I can't get the simplest 'fee."

I've waited, and waited in vain,
Expecting an 'opening' to find,
Where an honest young lawyer might gain
Some reward for the toil of his mind.

While thus he was wandering along,
His eye accidentally fell
On a very deep hole in the ground,
And he sighed to himself "It is well!"

To curb his emotions, he sat
On the curb-stone the space of a minute,
Then cried, "Here's an opening at last!"
And less than a jiffy was in it.

Next day twelve citizens came,
The 'coroner's' quest, to attend;
To the end that it might be determined
How the man had determined his end.

The man was a lawyer, who 'opened' of
course;
A lawyer! alas! sighed another,
He undoubtedly died of remorse!"

A third said, he knew the deans'd—
An attorney well versed in the laws:
And as to the cause of his death,
'Twas no doubt for want of a cause."

The coroner at length gave a verdict
Which finally settled the matter;
That the young man was drowned, because
He could not keep his head above water.

It is not easy to perceive what honor
is connected with swearing? Does
any man receive a promotion because
he is a notable blusterer? Or does
any man advance to dignity because
he is an expert in profane swearing?
no. Low must be the character which
such impertinence will not degrade,
Inexcusable, therefore, must be the
practice which has neither reason nor
passion to support it. The drunkard
his cups: the lecher his mistress; the
satirist his revenge; the ambitious
man his preferences; the miser his
gold; but the common swearer his no-
thing; he is a fool at large and sells
his soul for naught, and drudges the
service of the devil gratis. Swearing
is void of all plea. It is not the native
offspring of the soul, nor interwoven
with the texture of the body, nor in
any way allied to our frame. For,
as the great man (Tillotson) ex-
presses it, 'though some men pour
out oaths as through they were natu-
ral, yet no man was ever born with a
swearing constitution. But it is a
custom of low and paltry spirits
who have no sense of honor, no regard
for decency; but are forced to substi-
tute some rhapsody of nonsense to sup-
ply the vacancy of good sense. Hence
the silliness of the practice can only
be equalled by the silliness of those
who have adopted it.

Whoever would study the characters
of those with whom he lives or con-
verses, must keep up the appearance
of a kind of recklessness and frivolity,
for the mind closes itself up like the
hedgehog, at the least sensible touch
of observation, and will not be after-
wards drawn out. Men have been
known in the middle of a discovery
of their character, to be stopped short by
a look, which brought them to them-
selves, and traced before them in an
instant the danger of their position
and the methods of escape. A keen
observer, indeed may always adjust
the temperature of his discourse by
the faces of his auditors, which are
saddened or brightened like the face
of the sea: April, as more or less of
sunshine! Historic breaks forth upon
them.

A POLICE STORY.—A Paris corre-
spondent writes:

"The recent death of Nuzillard,
the senior cashier at the Compt d'Es-
compte, through whose hands more
gold has passed than would buy up an
empire, reminds me of the following
story: Nuzillard had always enjoyed
the reputation of being the most clever
and at the same time most prudent
cashier. However, in 1849 he man-
aged to get robbed of a sum of £1000
in £40 notes. The director of the
Comptoi, although he had always had
the greatest confidence in the often
tried probity his clerk, still thinking
it strange that he could have had so
large a packet of notes taken from
him without his knowledge, went to
the Prefect of Police, M. Colier, and
told him all about it. The latter
pronounced an opinion favorable to
the honesty of poor Nuzillard. Re-
member," said the director, that a
hundred bank notes make quite a
thick packet, and I cannot see how,
with this packet, on his breast—
"Nothing for a clever thief," in-
terrupted M. Colier. "Here is a
newspaper: fold it, and button it in
your breast pocket. Now, I will not
promise you it will still be there when
you leave the Prefecture!"

The director laughed, and declared it
was impossible, while he carefully placed
the newspaper at the side of his pocket-
book. The two gentlemen remained some
time in conversation, during which
the Prefect of Police was receiving people and
writing orders. When the director rose to
go, M. Colier, after shaking hands with
him, said: By the by, I suppose you have
the newspaper all right? But, and behold?
to the intense stupefaction of the director
both pocket book and paper had disappeared
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