

such a legal name as "Quarter Sessions." One of our High Court judges visiting not long since at the Oxford (Eng.) flower show discovered the name to be derived from "Quatre Saisons," being so called from the rose blossoming four times in the year. A singular corruption of its Gallic appellation.

SCENE.—A county court-room in the Province of Manitoba. The defendant, a farmer, had employed the plaintiff, a surveyor, to lay down the line between his farm and his neighbor's, and then refused to pay the fees, whereupon he was sued. When the plaintiff had proved his case, the judge asked the defendant, who conducted his own case, what his defence was, to which defendant replied: "I have a good defence, your Honor, for the reason that he refused to put the line where I wanted him to."

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.—Mr. George Kibbel sends to the London *Times* the following story of circumstantial evidence, narrated to him by a client: He was, some years ago, a passenger to the Cape, and one day at dinner a fellow passenger produced a very old but valuable coin. It was handed round, and suddenly disappeared. Every effort to find it failing, it was suggested that all the passengers should turn out their pockets. They did so with the exception of my client, who declined, and for the remainder of the voyage was boycotted. Just as the vessel got into port, the coin was found in a remote corner of the saloon. My client had an exactly similar coin in his pocket, and dared not say so at the time of the loss, because he knew his story would have been simply laughed at.

AN amusing incident occurred at Wandsworth prison recently during an inquest held by Mr. A. Braxton-Hicks, the mid-Surrey coroner. One of the jurymen summoned to attend the inquiry asked to be exempted on the score of deafness. The coroner, by dint of speaking loudly, asked him if he could hear the evidence, and the jurymen replied that he could not. Speaking *sotto voce* Mr. Hicks told the jurymen (who was sitting at the other end of the room) that he would be excused. He at once left his seat, and, thanking the coroner, withdrew. The coroner, laughing, said that that reminded him of a man who had been summoned meeting his officer in the street. The officer asked him if he were going to attend the inquest, and the man, put-

ting his hand behind his ear, said, "What did you say? I am deaf." The officer at last managed to make him hear, and on parting said softly, "Will you have a drink?" "Certainly," was the ready reply. The jurymen was summoned on the next occasion.—*Irish Law Times*.

MR. JASPER.—Judge, I wants to purchase de ve'y stronges' kin' e' voice papers dat you 'in got in de cote.

Judge.—Divorce papers, eh? Have you and your wife had trouble?

Mr. J.—No, sah! Dar'd be a little prebious un'er de suckemstanzas, cos we haid't done been tuk inter de shackles er mattermony yit.

Judge.—What! Not married yet, and asking for divorce papers?

Mr. J.—Dat's de case, Judge; but yo' see I'm gwinter take a partner nex' week, an' weze ten'in' to mobe ober in the lowlan's, whar cotes iz mighty sca'se, an' I wants deze papers whar I kin lay mer han's on 'em. I'm oner deze precautionous citerzens, Judge, dat berlebes in de maxiums, "In timer peace, prepar' for war," an' I prefers ter hab deze dockermen's whar I kin forwif 'bolish de lady wid dim ef she done grow rantankerous. Ol' Parson Widemouf hain't been proach dat Foolish Vargin case ter me fo' nuffin, an' I wants to gyard merself ergin de same 'speunce.—*Green Bag*.

AT Rio Janeiro is a castle yclept San Antonio, which is now being demolished by order of the Brazilian Government. In the cellars of that edifice there have been dug up twelve iron-clamped chests and sixteen *sacs* containing 70,000,000 old Spanish dollars in gold, plus a leaden box filled with papers. One of these documents is a receipt given by a Father Anton Desarte, superior of the Jesuits' College at Rio, for 20,000,000 of gold dollars, to be paid by him as a tribute to King John of Portugal when he visited Brazil. In the eighteenth century the Marquis de Pomal expelled the Jesuit order from Portugal, and it is conjectured that the Jesuits at Rio, hearing of this, hid the treasures just discovered. A list of the wealth was left in the leaden box, there being 70,000,000 dollars, 2,800 lb. of gold dust, and 20,000 lb. weight of gold ingots. To whom, it is asked, does this treasure now belong—to the Republic, the King of Portugal, the Jesuits, or the contractors who are demolishing the castle?—*Law Journal*.