

clerks to come here and conduct judgment amonsons when there are thousands of solicitors in London who have very little to do. It is also a fraud on the profession of solicitors."

THE WISDOM OF LAWYERS.—It appears that judges and lawyers have contributed a liberal share to the stock of popular sayings.

It is Frank Bacon who speaks of matters that "come home to men's business and bosom," who lays down the axiom that "Knowledge is power," and who utters that solemn warning to enamoured Benedicts, "He that hath a wife and children hath given hostages to fortune."

We have the high authority of Sir Edward Coke for declaring that "Corporations have no souls," and that "A man's house is his castle."

The expression "An accident of an accident" is borrowed from Lord Thurlow. "The greatest happiness of the greatest number" occurs in Bentham, but as an acknowledged translation from the jurist Beccaria.

To Leviathan Hobbes we owe this maxim, "Words are wise men's counters, but the money of fools." It is John Selden who suggests that by throwing a straw into the air one may see the way of the wind; and to his contemporary, Oxenstiern, is due the discovery "With how little wisdom is the world governed."

Mackintosh first used the phrase "A wise and masterly inactivity." "The schoolmaster is abroad" is from a speech by Lord Brougham.

In the familiar phrase "A delusion, a mockery, and a snare," there is a certain Biblical ring, which has sometimes led to its being quoted as from one or other of the Hebrew prophets: the words are, in fact, an extract from the judgment of Lord Denman at the trial of O'Connell.—*Green Bag*.

From "the other side":—"A man was arrested on the charge of robbing another of his watch and chain. It was claimed that he thrown a bag over his victim's head, strangled and robbed him. There was so little evidence, however, that the judge quickly said: "Discharged!" The prisoner stood still in the dock, amazed at being given his freedom so soon. "You're discharged," repeated the judge. "You can go. You're free." Still no move from the prisoner, who stood staring at the judge. "Don't you understand? You have been acquitted. Get out!" shorted the judge. "Well," stammered the man, "do I have to give him back his watch and chain?"—*Law Notes*.