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There is perhaps no delusion more enticing to the ordinary lay mind than the suggestion that some vast sum of money is in court awaiting claimants. We have had numerous associations formed of late years for the purpose of pursuing these "will-o'-the-wisps," which, after spending large sums of money, have succeeded in neither discovering or recovering anything. It is, therefore, a pleasing change to find that occasionally a pursuit of this kind does end more satisfactorily. Such a case recently occurred in Ireland. It appears that a vintner named Robert Smyth became bankrupt in 1797, and shortly afterwards the creditors' assignee brought a suit in the Irish Court of Chancery to establish the bankrupt's right to a moiety of a rent payable out of certain lands; and a sum of £500 was paid into court to abide the result of the suit. The assignee died, the records of the bankrupt's estate were lost, and the suit in Chancery lapsed. Recently a Mr. Maconochy discovered the fund to be still in court, and has by his researches discovered the creditors entitled to the fund, which, with interest, now amounts to £3,335 3s. 10d., and the rent has also been realized for £1,620, making a total of nearly £5,000 now divisible, and which it is supposed will pay a dividend of 16s. on the pound to the long waiting creditors, or, perhaps we should say, their representatives. The High Court for Ontario has, we think, made a very reasonable provision stopping the allowance of interest, after a certain period, on unclaimed funds in such cases as this.

CONTRABAND AND THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR CASES.

It has been well said that on the breaking out of war the duties of neutrals are much more in evidence than their rights. Generally speaking, a neutral "is to carry himself with perfect equality between both belligerents, giving neither the one nor the other the advantage." In the English view Her Majesty's subjects are forbidden to break any blockade, to carry despatches, officers, soldiers, arms, military stores and material, and any articles considered to be contraband of war according to the law or modern