

Flotsam and Jetsam.

RHYMED WILLS.

The following will have to be added to the collections of rhymed wills. It is the will of Mr. Joseph Bell, of Ambleside-gardens, Streatham, S.W., and Cannon street, E.C., who died on March 18. It was proved at £1,164 by the executrix and executor named therein:—

"I will and bequeave
To her I bereave,
Rose Georgina Bell,
About whom ALL speak well,
My CHUM and my WIFE,
My soul and my life,

ALL MY ESTATE.

So make NO mistake,
My worthy solicitor,
Lest o' nights unadvised I frequently visit yer.
As straw was required in the making of bricks
It is need'ful to have an executrix;
So I appoint Miss Jane Fordham, provided she'll act,
And as my executor, the work to enact,
My brother Frank Bell, who's aeutely exact."

WITH APOLOGIES TO LORD TENNYSON.

Suggested by a day lost in Court at Osgoode Hall owing to the whole time being taken up by a long-winded K.C. in another case.

Talk, talk, talk,
At the Full Bench Court, K.C.—
And would I could carry out
The thoughts that arise in me.

Oh! well for the suave C. J.,
That he peacefully nods in his chair,
Oh! well for the Junior J.'s,
For never a cent they care.

And the stream of talk goes on
Like a tide through an empty mill,
But, oh! for a club to crack his head,
And make him sit down and be still.

Talk, talk, talk,
All day, if you must, K.C.—
But the chance for a fee for a day that is gone
Will never come back to me.