

Flotsam and Jetsam.

LAW BOOKS IN 1905.—It is said that one hundred and seven law books were published in England during 1905, of which fifty-six were new works and fifty-one new editions. The average for the last eight years has been 131 per year.

Notwithstanding the protest of our publishers to the contrary we insist on publishing the following:—

HUMOUR OF THE LAW.—When Senator "Joe" Blackburn went into the office of a celebrated lawyer of Kentucky to study law he was surprised by the absence of a library. "Where's the library?" he asked. "Now, Joe, if you want to study law don't begin by asking questions," the old lawyer told him. "There isn't any library. You see that book. That's the statutes of Kentucky and it's all the library any lawyer needs. Don't get a library if you want to become a lawyer; it will only worry you." "I've found that advice was the best I ever received, too," the Senator added.

It may not be generally known, but it is stated in a recent number of the *London Law Times*, that Lord Bacon's death was brought on by an experiment in cold storage. He was driving to Highgate one cold March day when the snow was on the ground. It occurred to him to try the effect of cold to prevent putrefaction. He stopped at a cottage, bought a fowl, had it killed and with his own hand stuffed it with snow. In doing so he contracted a severe chill and died a few days after. In writing to the Earl of Arundel, in whose house he died, apologizing for his intrusion there, he does not forget to note that the experiment had "succeeded excellently well." There is nothing new under the sun.

The Living Age for June 2 opens with the first part of a new story by Count Tolstoy, entitled, "The Divine and the Human, or Three More Deaths." It is a tale of revolutionary Russia, told with singular directness and power, and illustrating, in a striking way, the horrors of the situation created by conspiracies and reprisals. The number for June 9 presents the argument of Herbert Paul, M.P., in favour of the new Education Bill, and an article by the Archbishop of Westminster against it. This interesting joint debate upon the most important measure of the present English government is to be continued in June 16th.