

ARTICLES OF INTEREST IN CONTEMPORARY JOURNALS—FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Charles O'Connor was not. Mr. Justice Miller was not, but there is not his equal on the bench of the great court in which he sits. Judge Dillon was not; but we have not a more learned or profound lawyer in America, or, it might now be added, a more successful one. The list might be indefinitely extended. The inquiry would show that an University education neither enables a man to become a great lawyer, nor does the lack of it prevent him from becoming such. What our colleges need is an elastic course of studies, which shall embrace a course of special preparation for each of the different learned professions, as well as a general course of study for those who have leisure and means and who aspire to be considered educated gentlemen. Such a course of study for a lawyer will embrace Latin, possibly French; but it will not embrace Greek, the higher mathematics, astronomy or navigation. It might as well embrace Hebrew, Sanscrit, architecture, civil and political engineering and theology."

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LORD O'HAGAN, late Lord Chancellor of Ireland, died on 1st of February last at the age of seventy-three.

LORD PHILLIMORE, ex-judge of the High Court of Admiralty, died on 4th of February last at the age of seventy-five.

"SIR," said a fierce barrister, "do you on your solemn oath swear that this is not your handwriting?" "I think not," was the cool reply. "Does it resemble your writing?" "No, sir, I think it don't." "Do you swear that it don't resemble your writing?" "Well, I do." "You take your solemn oath that this writing does not resemble yours in a single letter?" "Y-e-s, sir." "Now, how do you know?" "Cause I can't write."—*Ex.*

"You hev heern, gentlemen of the jury," said an eloquent advocate, "you have heern the witness swar he saw the prisoner raise his gun; you hev heern him swar he saw the flash and heerd the report; you have heern him swar he saw the dog fall dead; you hev heern him swar he dug the bullet out with his jack-knife, and you hev seen the bullet produced in Court; but whar, gentlemen, whar, I ask you, is the man who saw that bullet hit that dog?"—*Ex.*