

registrar who was going to try him, locked him in the vaults of the Court House and put the key in his pocket to be sure that his victim would not escape. The prisoner lamented and protested in vain, he was obliged to remain imprisoned with guardians and old dusty furniture. His position was not very bright, he knew that when he left there he would be thrown into prison. The sombre days of the famous "Starred Chamber" were going to be revived for this new "*Silvio Pellico*." How to manage to tear him away from the claws of this tyrant. In despair he decides to consult Parkin as to what course to follow in such a case. He knew that the great fame of his name would have a salutary effect on the old protonotary. Parkin comes to the place in question, notifies the improvised magistrate of a brief "*Super Sedeas*." At the name only of this antiquated proceeding, the snivers run down the old man's back. "*Super Sedeas*," what on earth could that legal machine be, which he had never heard spoken of before, and let us add that with this Latin had unfathomable mysteries for him, he had never learnt the rule of *Supine*. The proceeding was a marvellous success, the prisoner came out without even a trial. The old protonotary has ever since meditated on the effacacy of a brief "*Super Sedeas*."

Who does not remember our old friend John O'Farrell and his admirable talent; but he was ever at a loss how to use it. One day during the famous contest of Charlevoix's election, he wanted to bring a reluctant witness to court by force. The witness was an old maid, a real virago, as stubborn as could be. After the necessary proceedings and having obtained an order from the tribunal, O'Farrell constituted himself constable and arrested the said witness. He was conducted before the Council of the Bar, he was accused of having committed an act derogatory to the honor of the profession. Parkin defended him and declined the jurisdiction of the Council. This passed for nothing and the Council imposed a punishment on O'Farrell. The affair was brought before the Court of Appeal, where Parkin's claims were sustained. He urged the following point: The Council of the Bar had a right to punish any member who committed an act derogatory to the honor of the society, but it cannot decree itself what actions should be considered as such. This power depends on the legislature. They have been obliged since to bring in a law to determine in future, what actions would be considered as derogatory to the honor of the profession.