

Flotsam and Jetsam.

A couple of lawyers engaged in a case were recently discussing the issue.

"At all events," said the younger and more enthusiastic, "we have justice on our side."

To which the older and warier replied, "Quite true; but what we want is the Chief-Justice on our side."—*Ex.*

HERE is an important head-note in a Scotch case: "The defender, seeing a cat running past in a public street, called to a dog beside him to 'seize it.' The dog accordingly gave chase to catch the cat, and in doing so knocked down and injured a child. *Held*, that the defender, in setting a dog to chase a cat through the street, acted negligently and without due care for passers-by, and was found liable in damages."—*Law Times.*

MR. JUSTICE PARK never lost an opportunity of pointing a "temperance" moral. On one occasion he had before him a witness named Elm, who confessed to being eighty-four years of age, and seemed wonderfully well-preserved. After his examination had been concluded, the judge looked over his spectacles at the patriarch and said, "Now, Mr. Elm, you're an old man. Perhaps you will favor me by telling me how you live? Do you ever indulge in strong drink?" "My Lord," replied the witness, solemnly, "I can assure your lordship that I ain't touched beer or sperrits this forty-three years." "There now, gentlemen of the jury," said the judge, triumphantly, "there's a lesson for you all!" The next witness was also called Elm, a brother of the preceding, who actually looked younger and more alert, though no less than five years older. To him Mr. Justice Park said, "Well, Mr. Elm, I suppose your habits are those of your brother. *You* never touch anything stronger than water." "Beg parding, my lord," replied the witness, scratching his head meditatively. "My wife, she *do* say that I ain't been to bed sober these fifty years!" Here a titter ran round the court, and the poor judge was just a little discomfited. However, he regained his composure, and with a twinkle in his beaming eye said, "Well, all I can say is, gentlemen, that the Elm is a well-seasoned wood, wet or dry."

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