

judge inquired what it was the attorney had said, and the bailiff, somewhat reluctantly, delivered the message verbatim: "Yes," said the judge, thoughtfully, "I thought that was what the — old scoundrel would say."

SUFFICIENCY.—The following legal notice recently posted by a citizen of Hillsboro, N. H., calls for no comment:

"My wife, Margrette Cilley, and her children have flew the coop, and did not ask anybody; left my bed and board. I shall pay no debts of her contracting after this day, and any man trusting her on my account will be the loss for you.

"No reward offered for their return.

"Wife wishes her mail addressed to Miss Margrette Clark, leave off the Cilley. Thus it will please her and I am satisfied.

"O, yes! I have been married plenty, now.

"FRANK C. CILLEY."

The inventor of the finger-print system of identification will be gratified to learn that even the criminal classes are beginning to have a flattering appreciation of his invention. A man was tried recently by a county Wicklow petty sessional court for the larceny of money from a church. An expert on the subject stated that he had examined a small pane of glass from the church window, which had on it finger prints. He found that these marks corresponded with a right forefinger print in his office which belonged to the prisoner. During the hearing of the case, some general remarks were made by the magistrates and the witnesses as to the usefulness of the system. The prisoner joined in the conversation, and declared with every mark of fervour that the finger-print system for the detection of criminals was the most wonderful invention of the day. He then proceeded to add, incidentally, that he threw himself on the mercy of the court. The court expressed itself as satisfied with the prisoner's views as to the finger-print system, but returned him for trial at the assizes.