

GETTING MONEY OUT OF COURT.

Many years ago, an official of the Court of Chancery in old Upper Canada, made his way into the strong room at Osgoode Hall and took therefrom a considerable sum of money in the custody of that venerable institution. In those days it was very easy to pay money into court, but much red tape had to be untied before it could be got out, and the difficulty in this regard became proverbial. One of the common law judges of that day, well known for his Irish humour, expressed in his own witty way his delight that success had at last crowned an effort to get money out of court. There appears to be a different way of doing things in Germany, for, if a newspaper is to be believed, the most recent practice there is for men who desire to get money out of court to obtain access to the court rooms late in the afternoon, put on the judicial caps and gowns, and thus deceiving the janitor, examine the court records, make a note of the names and addresses of persons having money in court, draw up the necessary documents for the collection of these debts, making free use of the court seal for that purpose. These quondam judges then transform themselves into bailiffs, and collect the moneys, for which court orders have been made. We confess that this proceeding sounds rather apochryphal, but there is a flavour of novelty about it which is refreshing, and the suggestion may be helpful in any difficult case that may arise as to getting money out of court.

It seems somewhat odd to discuss the constitutional rights of citizens of the United States as to "liberty in the pursuit of happiness" in connection with lawyers, as such; especially when this happy liberty is attempted to be interfered with by a statute forbidding lawyers to solicit business. It gives a new view of the delights of "ambulance chasers." Doubtless the "liberty and pursuit of happiness" claimed by an attorney in Washington Territory, who was also a "solicitor," should not be rudely dealt with.