

Flotsam and Jetsam.

Daniel O'Connell was once defending a prisoner indicted for murder. The principal witness against the defendant swore that the prisoner's hat had been found near the place of the murder. The hat was then produced in Court, and the witness swore positively that it was the same one that was found, and that it belonged to the prisoner.

"By virtue of your oath, are you positive that this is the same hat?"

"Yes."

"Did you examine it carefully before you swore that it was the prisoner's?"

"Yes."

"Now, let me see," said O'Connell, as he took up the hat and began carefully to examine the inside of it. He paused with a curious expression on his face, and then spelled aloud, "'J-a-m-e-s.' Now, do you mean to say that that name was in the hat when you found it?" he asked, turning to the witness.

"I do."

"Did you see it there?"

"I did."

"And this is the same hat?"

"Yes."

"Now, my Lord," said the lawyer, turning to the Judge, "there's an end to this case. There is no name whatever within this hat."

The prisoner was instantly acquitted.

LONG DISTANCE JUSTICE.—From Wyoming comes a new idea in the administration of the criminal law. On August 10, at the Bear Creek Ranch, some fifty miles from Cheyenne, Albert Bristol pulled Miles Fitzgerald off a mowing machine and dusted the contiguous territory with his person. Fitzgerald thereupon telephoned a complaint to town and a warrant was issued for Bristol's arrest. Hearing of this Bristol also resorted to the telephone, got into communication with the Court, and entered a plea of guilty. The Justice announced a fine of