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Flotsam and Jetsam.

HUMOR OF THE LAW. The man stammered painfully. His name was Sissons. Especially difficult to him was the pronunciation of his own name. He had the misfortune to stay out late and uproariously one night, and to account for it before the magistrate at the police court next morning. "What is your name?" asked the court. Sissons began his reply: "Sss—ss—sss—ss—siss—" "Stop that noise and tell me what is your name," said the judge impatiently. "Siss sss—sss—sissss—" "That will do," said his honor, severely; "officer, what is this man charged with?" "I think, your Honor, he's charged wid sodywater."

The following is alleged to be a copy of a letter written by a French-Canadian lawyer's clerk addressed to the owner of a parrot whose presence considered a nuisance to the neighborhood. We are not prepared to vouch for its authenticity, but in any case as a jocular effort it is good, and as a precedent for similar cases it will no doubt be useful:—

"DEAR MISTER, —

I have the honer to tole you that the Reverend Messieurs of the Seminary have ordained me with instructions to poursuivre you for the scandalous nuisance that was cause to that vicinity by the paroquet which you have on your residence which was make much abominable fracas. The Reverend Messieurs are interferred with in their devotions, and when the band of the Seminary of III pupils begin for to play and your dam paroquet was begin screech, it is dreadful. Also, one of the neighbors on the same Street with yourself was very mad and can't sleep on the afternoon, and when he go for play the piano your bird yell and spoil his improvisations. Altogether you must put away that bird. Please give me some undertaking without delay, otherwise I must institute procedures. Receive the assurance of my considerations.

Your obedient servant, &c."

Judge Scarritt, falling into a recital of unexpected answers from witnesses told the following as happening while he was on the bench:—Senator Ballingal, desiring to be particularly severe with a negro witness, and thoroughly to discredit his testimony, began his cross examination with,