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you, he considers it as little as he can do in return to win your case for you if swearing will win it, and he thinks it will. The law has a mystic fascination for him ; he loves its mystery, and loves to drown his senses in the oblivion of its incomprehensibility. And when he goes to court, he keeps his eyes and ears open, and really learns and remembers a good deal of its technicalities in a sort of superficial way, and is very fond of making a display of it."

The Opposition members in the Legislature-and there are only a few of them left-wanted to take a fall out of the Government, fast Wednesday, and they accommodated by the Hon. Theodore Davie. As a gentleman remarked, all the clothes lines were stretched, and the dirty linen was washed clean as the driven snow. As usual, when Mr. Cotton precipitates a collision with the Government, he came out badly disfigured. On the part of one other member of the Opposition, an admission was made which should stamp him as a very mean man. I have heard of people reading the private correspondence of others, but never before have I listened to a man boasting of it until last Wednesday in the Legislative Assembly. Possibly the rules for the guidance of honorable men are a little different in Chilliwack from those prevailing in other parts of the world.

Last week, there was printed in these columns an extract from an eastern paper, in which it was said : " Nanaimc is noted for its 'black jack' games throughout the coast. The games are patronized by the miners with the police as interested spectators." A Nanaimo guardian of the peace writes me that it would be "well to look nearer home for gan bling," by which I suppose he means that gambling is quite as prevalent in this city. It has been a rule of mine through life never to argue the point with a policeman with a club or a man with a revolver. Invariably their argument is convincing, and they never fail to get the best of it. But I will say this, that there is less gambling in Victoria than in any other city of its size on the coast. The Victoria police have been looking into the matter and so far they have not discovered one game running in the city. If the insinuations of the Nanaimo officer were correct, they would not have escaped the eagle eye of THE HOME JOURNAL.

PERE GRINATOR.

PHILLIP'S SANITARY GRATE.

In placing this grate or heating apparatus before the public the inventor wishes to draw attention to the scientific principles on which the grates are founded, firstly: That the air in a room becomes heated and ascends; secondly, that too straight a flue draws all the heat up the chimney instead of throwing it into the room, and thirdly, that warm air causes a more perfect combustion than cold, thereby saving considerable fuel. The machine itself consists of a steel box let into the flue directly above the mantel and containing four steel



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