

as preventing the board from discharging their duties—and futile, as it would compel the members of the board to resign:—*Held*, that there had been a gross and wilful contempt, and sequestration ordered to issue. *Spokes v. Banbury Board of Health*, Eq. 42. Vice-Chancellor Wood remarked in his judgment, “that the rights of those who are injured cannot depend upon the question of whether it be one or many who inflict the injury. First, take the case of an individual: see how it would stand, and whether there would not be a deliberate breach of the injunction. Suppose a man, for his own convenience, for the purpose of getting rid of his own sewage, something that annoys him, throws it into his neighbour’s yard, or into his neighbour’s river, and that he is ordered by the Court not to permit the sewage under his control to pass into his neighbour’s river, to his annoyance. Suppose that he afterwards comes here, telling the Court that he has consulted most eminent chemical authorities, and has done the best he can during a long continuance of inquiry, but that he has found out there is no possible mode by which he can deodorize the sewage, or at least that he has not yet arrived at or discovered it, and therefore that he has not ceased to pour that sewage into the river or upon his neighbour’s property; that he pours it into the river because he does not find it pleasant or agreeable to retain it; that he means to continue to pour it into the river until he shall find out something that will deodorize it; and then asks the Court to stay its proceedings until that is done. Would not that be a most outrageous breach of the order, and a flagrant contempt, for which the only proceeding the Court could take would be to order committal?”

JUDGE ADVOCATE HOLT.—*Harper’s Weekly* of Sept. 22d, rebuts the charge that Judge Advocate HOLT was in league with base men to injure JEFFERSON DAVIS by evidence which he knew to be false. It appears that SANFORD CONOVER (the same, we believe, who made himself notorious in Canada) offered to furnish Mr. HOLT with important evidence of the complicity of DAVIS and CLAY, and was accordingly engaged to collect the testimony. But the depositions thus obtained, when tested,

were contradicted by those by whom they purported to have been made, and CONOVER disappeared.

PUNCH’S LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.—We have received numerous inquiries about the Vacation Judge in Chambers. Our legal young man has undertaken to give our readers all the necessary information.

The Vacation Judge is the only Judge left in town during vacation. He is the “last rose of summer left blooming alone, all his pleasant companions are faded and gone.”

It is, generally speaking, a punishment (the only one which can be inflicted upon so high a legal functionary) for bad behaviour during term time, and is, evidently, the very opposite of college rustication.

His duties are light, but this is small compensation for the long imprisonment. He spends his time in starting imaginary objections, in taking notes of ideal cases, in making speeches to himself before the looking-glass, and in summing-up!

When tired of this, he plays leap-frog with the chairs, and dashes his wig.

After luncheon, he amuses himself by playing on a small comb through a piece of brown paper. Smoking is strictly prohibited in Chambers, but his Lordship is not unsuccessful in keeping on the windy side of the law, by putting his head out of the window in order to enjoy the fragrant Havannah. At seven o’clock his dinner is brought to him, and after that he is allowed one turn on a barrel-organ. At ten o’clock he sings a little thing of Sir ROUNDELL PALMER’S composition, and retires gracefully to his couch, which has been prepared for him at an earlier hour.

Anybody may look in and see the Vacation Judge, on payment of a small fee to the clerk in the outer office. The Vacation Judge is quite quiet, and will talk to a visitor through the bars of his window, or through the key-hole of his chamber door, with much playfulness and good temper.

Give him a joke to crack and he will evince his gratitude in his own peculiar fashion.

Such, for the instruction of your readers, is the amount of information which I can give you about the Vacation Judge.