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### Flotsam and Jetsam.

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THE CLERGYMAN AND THE LAWYER.—At a dinner party the other evening a well-known minister sat opposite one of the leading legal lights of Washington. During a lull which often occurs on such occasions, the minister casually asked the jurist what he thought would be the outcome of Mayor Harrison's arrest in Chicago in connection with the Iroquois Theatre disaster.

"I can't express an opinion without a retainer," promptly replied the lawyer.

"Ah!" exclaimed the dominie, "I left my pocketbook at home."

"I left my opinion at home," was the quick response.

"I don't believe you have an opinion, anyhow," said the minister.

"I don't believe you have any pocketbook," was the final rejoinder and then everybody laughed.

"I am reminded," said the lawyer, "of a retort courteous that rather knocked me out in Court one day. I made a remark which rather nettled the opposing counsel, and he replied, looking intently at my rather conspicuous bald head, 'That is a very bald statement,' with the accent on the bald.

"'Well,' said I, 'my barber remarked yesterday that some men have hair and some have brains,' and then I looked pityingly at his heavy mane.

"'Yes,' was the quick reply, 'and some men have neither,' and he looked me right in the eye."—*Washington Star*.