

## Flotsam and Jetsam.

Last week's opening of the French Chamber of Deputies has become an event in history from the fact that the new members for Alsace and Lorraine took their places. The inaugural meeting of the Chamber of Deputies is not marked by any pomp, but it is impressive in its solemnity. The president for the occasion is always the oldest member of the assembly who can be present, and he chooses as his secretaries the six youngest members of the assembly, so before the reflective mind is metaphorically the warning on the scroll of the mummy at the feast: "What you are I was; what I am you will be." The position of *président d'âge* fell to M. Jules Siegfried, who was born in 1837, and, by an auspicious coincidence, he is a native of Mulhouse (Mulhausen of the Germans) in Alsace. The *doyen* of M. Siegfried's secretaries has not attained his thirtieth year, thus emphasising the contrast in age. Among the secretaries were MM. Heurteaux (Seine-et Oise) and Fonck (Vosges), the well-known aviators.—*Law Times*.

The fact that a man marries a second wife during the lifetime of the first is not sufficient to convict him of insanity.—*Smith's case*, 22 Pa., Co. Ct. 487, affirmed 12 Pa., Super. Ct. 640.

For a man to swear while trying to button his shirt-collar is not to be regarded as a symptom of softening of the brain.—*Keithley v. Keithley*, 85 Mo.

It is not an error to instruct the jury to use common sense.—*People v. Kelly*, 132 Cal.

The sale of intoxicating liquor to a minor is unlawful, even though he is over six feet in height.—*State v. Hartfeil*, 24 Wis.

A policeman is an excellent judge of whiskey and when he has tasted a liquor is able to say whether it is whiskey or not.—*Hollingsworth v. Atlanta*, 79 Ga.

The word "thousand" as applied to rabbits means "twelve hundred."—*Smith v. Wilson*, 3 B. & Ad., 728, 22 E.C.L. 169.

A wife cannot keep a dog without her husband's consent and participation.—*Strouse v. Leipf*, 101 Ala.