

## A LAWYER'S WORTHLESS CHECKS.

ASKING FOR THE ARREST OF SAMUEL B. CALDWELL, OF COLLEGE POINT.

Ferdinand Gentner, the Postmaster at College Point, Long Island, appeared before Justice E. Lutters, of that village, Wednesday night, and asked for a warrant for the arrest of Samuel B. Caldwell, a lawyer living in College Point, but doing business at No. 72 Wall-street, in this City, on the charge of defrauding him of \$125 by means of a worthless check. Gentner said that Mr. Caldwell came to him on the morning of March 10, saying he was going on a business trip, and wanted some money. He already owed Gentner \$25, and if he would let him have \$50 more he would give him a check on the Marine Bank of this City for \$75. Gentner had frequently cashed checks for Caldwell, and so let him have the money. On examining the check Caldwell gave him, he found that it was made payable to "self," and was not indorsed. He called Caldwell's attention to that fact on March 17, and Caldwell said it was an oversight. He wanted \$50 more, and would give a check for the full amount. Gentner let him have the money and deposited the check for collection in the Flushing and Queens County Bank, at Flushing. When sent to the Marine Bank for collection, it was returned with "no account" stamped on it. Gentner was given notice, and last Tuesday morning met Caldwell in the street in College Point and told him he must have the money. Caldwell said he should have it that night. He did not keep his word and Gentner therefore asked to have him arrested. The warrant was granted and placed in Constable Hoenig's hands to serve. As Caldwell is not in the village the warrant is still in the constable's possession. Caldwell also secured \$3.00 from Mrs. Charles Schock, a widow who keeps a saloon in College Point. The method was the same, and, as Mrs. Schock had cashed checks for him before she did not hesitate to cash one offered her on the 17th inst. "Tony" Miller, proprietor of the Long Island City House at Long Island City, also cashed a check for \$33 for Caldwell about two weeks ago. All of the checks were drawn against a bank account which does not exist.

Caldwell ran for member of Assembly from the First District of Queens County last Fall on the Republican ticket, but was defeated. He contracted debts during the campaign, which, it is said, have harassed him ever since. It is alleged that he has been drinking heavily and has grown reckless in his expenditures. He has been sued for debt in College Point, and has sued the proprietors of the local papers for libel. Caldwell is a man of about 40 years, and has a most estimable wife and two children in College Point. His wife stated yesterday that he had gone to Philadelphia on business, and would return Saturday. She received a dispatch from him at Philadelphia yesterday morning to that effect. It is believed by many that Caldwell is only temporarily embarrassed, and will pay his debts in full. He has some property in Pennsylvania and two places in College Point. The Cashier of the Marine Bank said yesterday afternoon that several months ago Caldwell had an account at that bank, never exceeding, however, a few hundred dollars. He overdrew it and was requested to close it up, and did so. Last week checks from him began coming in and were returned, as he had no account there. Notices had been sent out to all the banks in this locality to that effect. Caldwell has practiced law in this City for about 15 years. His business was confined to admiralty cases.