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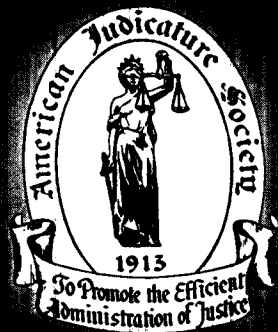
*Daniel Jackson Oliver Wendell Holmes
Morgan and the Lawyer Census*

LAST summer and fall the American legal profession followed with mixed amusement and chagrin the story of Daniel Jackson Oliver Wendell Holmes Morgan, who was convicted by a jury in November of practicing law in the courts of the District of Columbia without a license.

Morgan did this by impersonating L. A. Harris, a lawyer now practicing in California, who was admitted in the District of Columbia but never practiced there. For more than a year Morgan conducted a busy criminal practice under the name of Harris. It came to a sudden end when a national magazine published a picture of a convict that looked like Morgan, and Morgan suddenly left town. The F.B.I. found him in San Francisco and brought him back for a trial that ended in a conviction on all counts.

A part of the professional embarrassment over the incident was the mere fact that it could happen at all. The District Court's Committee on Admissions and Grievances began a study of the possibilities of using identification cards, fingerprinting, and other devices to guard against a repetition. The fact is, there are many states where it could happen, and in some of them it

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