

AUDLEY SUES FOR SERVICES

Thomas H. Pratt of Clinton Defendant in
Action For \$5,790.

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Audley, Who Was Confidential Man and
Private Secretary for Pratt, Claims
That the Latter Has Not Fulfilled His
Obligations.

Thomas H. Pratt, who acquired considerable fame while pursuing his studies at Yale, because of the litigation in which he became involved, has just been made the defendant in a suit for \$5,790. Mr. Pratt is sued this time by his former secretary and manager of affairs in litigation, George Audley of this city. The latter is a son of Liveryman Audley of Audubon Street. He has been associated with Mr. Pratt almost since the latter's graduation from Yale, serving in different capacities.

When law suits were flying thick and fast in the direction of Mr. Pratt, Audley was kept busy distributing balm from Mr. Pratt's wallet. His success in this work won for him a permanent position in Mr. Pratt's employ and when the latter went to Clinton and settled down in a magnificent country home, Audley went along. He was made private secretary and confidential man but it seems that owing to a dispute that occurred two months ago Mr. Audley left the service of Mr. Pratt and has not returned, although various attempts have been made to patch up the difficulties. When this seemed to be out of the question Audley, through Attorney J. P. Goodhart brought suit against Mr. Pratt.

The papers were served this morning in Clinton by Deputy Sheriff Zadoc E. Morgan of that place, who attached "Harbor View," Mr. Pratt's beautiful country home, including the stables and trotting stock belonging to Mr. Pratt. The case is returnable to the Superior Court. Audley's counsel this morning declined to discuss the case.

Friends of Audley say that the suit is the outcome of a dispute between Audley and Pratt over the settlement with Audley for his services in adjusting the litigation of several years in which Pratt was involved. It is stated that Pratt agreed to give Audley \$5,000 for his work but that he (the latter) never received it and the suit is brought to recover the amount promised by Pratt, the legal proceeding being precipitated by the fact that Pratt and Audley have been at loggerheads.