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ROMAN JUSTICE.

How Technicalities Were Avoided in the Courts.

The bar was an open profession in ancient Rome. The litigant enjoyed the utmost latitude in the choice of an advocate, whose right to represent his client in court was fully conceded. Slavish imitators of the Greeks in literature and art, the Romans asserted their entire independence in the domain of law. Their innovations had the stamp of originality. But these did not comprise any close connection between bar and bench. It is noteworthy that during a very long period in the history of Roman law there was no exact counterpart of our judge. The magistratus was a public official charged with the administration of law. The judex was a species of referee appointed by the magistrate to hear and report upon a particular case. Then there was an arbiter who acted alone or with others in arbitration cases (arbitria). Finally there were recuperators who assisted in international questions.

The hearing before these various types of judex was called the iudicium, as distinguished from jus, the hearing before the magistratus properly so called. The names of citizens qualified for serving as judges were inscribed in a public record known as the album. Moreover, litigants had the right of objection to a particular judex. Not only so, but this right was extended during many centuries to criminals, who were tried before centumvirs and decemvirs, sitting on the permanent tribunals. If the Roman Bill Sikes never thought of putting forward the demand of his English congener that "we all ought to have a voice in making the laws as we suffer by," yet we may be well assured that he would not fail to take a sporting chance, make a prime favorite of the judge who was most reversed on appeal and strenuously object to the others.

The point which calls for our special attention is that none of the men who discharged the various judicial or semijudicial functions described was drawn, except in most exceptional cases, from the advocate class. Nor is it possible to conceive any arrangement better calculated than that in force in Rome to exclude their narrow, professional technicality from the settlement of civil cases. The presiding magistrates of the great criminal tribunals were seldom or never men who practiced at the bar. Even in later times, when functions of magistratus and judex were merged in one official, there is evidence that the bench was recruited from the bar more frequently than before.—Exchange.

Keeping Their Teeth.

"Would you think," mused the dentist, "that any one would want his teeth after they had been pulled? It's a fact, though, that lots of people do. Whether they keep them to hand down to their children or whether once carrying them home they take them out and look at them occasionally with great interest I can't imagine; but, however it is, they do ask for them. At first I was astonished. Now I look upon it merely as a matter of course, and I keep little envelopes to slip the teeth in when people ask for them. I must use at least a hundred of these little envelopes a month. Men and women alike do this, the women, I think, to a little greater extent than the men. Of course any number of women want the teeth of their very little children. I can understand that, but when a woman or a man turned forty carries off, say, three bad teeth that have just been extracted I simply wonder." — New York Press.

The Passions.

We say of a man who has no will mastery, "He is ruled by his passions." They govern him, not he them. Centuries ago an Arab wrote, "Passion is a tyrant which slays those whom it governs." It is like fire, which once thoroughly kindled can scarcely be quenched, or like the torrent, which when it is swollen can no longer be restrained with its banks. Call him not a prisoner who has been put in fetters by his enemy, but rather him whose own passions overpower him to destruction.

Olives in Spain.

About 3,200,000 acres are given up to the cultivation of olives in Spain. Eating olives are delivered dry to the factories, where they are soaked in large vats with a solution of caustic soda until the solution has penetrated to the stones. After a washing in fresh water the olives are put into hogsheds of brine for two months of fermentation. When they are bottled new brine is used, but the output from the factories is usually in hogsheds holding 160 gallons.

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THE BANK OF UNION tried hard to help things along from the beginning of its career to the present, yet it don't claim to have done it all by any means. We are willing for the people to say how much. However, candor will cause most any one to confess that no Bank deserves deposits more than THE BANK OF UNION. The man, woman or child who deposits in this Bank shows good taste and good business judgment. This verdict comes from the intelligent and unbiased and not from envious souls. On all financial matters see

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