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## *CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.*

The latest decision on the subject of contracts by way of gaming or wagering is that given by the House of Lords in *Universal Stock Exchange v. Strachan*, on March 20. It was there held that securities deposited by way of "cover" with stock dealers in gaming transactions for "differences" in stocks and shares, are not "deposited to abide the event on which any wager shall have been made" within the meaning of the Imperial Gaming Act, 1845, s. 18, and may be recovered by the depositor. After hearing the appellants' counsel, their lordships affirmed the decision of the Court of Appeal, without calling upon counsel for the respondent

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While the blind and crippled appeal to the sympathies of all, and are entitled to the utmost indulgence compatible with public decency, toleration may be carried too far. The Hon. Mr. Justice Baby, in his charge to the Grand Jury at the opening of the Criminal Term in Montreal, on March 1st, very properly directed attention to the excessive growth of mendicancy on the public streets, and the monstrous exposure of cripples and deformed persons at all the corners of our public squares