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Among the proposals of the Council of Judges in England, respecting the administration of justice, one seems to go very far indeed. It is suggested that no pleading shall be allowed without order. Mr. Justice Cave, in an elaborate review of the proposals, criticizes this bold innovation, holding that it is impossible to abolish pleadings, and that in some form or other the judge at the trial must have before him in writing the issues he has to try, and whether they should be arrived at by pleadings out of Court, or by oral pleadings before the Master, taken down by him, and transmitted to the Court, is only a question of costs. His lordship thinks that pleading out of Court as at present, with a salutary use of the existing order which gives power to one party by notice to call upon the other to admit any document or fact, is the simplest and most economical mode.

The report of the Commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police for 1891, contains some noticeable facts. In the first place, we find that an army exceeding fifteen thousand men is employed for the protection of person and property. The authorized strength of the force at the end of the year was 31 superintendents, 787 inspectors, 1,637 sergeants, and 12,583 constables, making a total of 15,038. Four superintendents, 57 inspectors, 204 ser-