

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN ENGLAND AND UNITED STATES.

A writer in *Case and Comment* takes up the cudgels for the United States, in connection with a subject about which much has been said in that country, to the effect that the administration of justice is much more satisfactory in England than it is in the United States. This discussion is, of course, a little domestic matter of their own, but it is rather interesting reading to outside observers like ourselves. We confess that the article in our contemporary would rather lead an impartial observer to the conclusion that those in the United States who speak about "the superiority of English criminal procedure" and who have "written articles lauding the celerity of proceedings in English courts" are probably correct in their assertions to that effect. We note that this champion for his country makes no reference to the number of days that are often wasted in empanelling a jury, a procedure which often takes more time than the trial of the case; nor does he refer to what would be the strongest point for his contention as to the celerity of an administration in his country, viz., that the well-known jurist, Mr. Justice Lynch, is admittedly most prompt, both in trying a case and in executing sentence on the offender, in fact to ensure speed he generally omits the trial of the case. This certainly would be more to the point than the question which he asks of his fellow-countrymen who take the other side of the question—"Do the advocates of English methods think that there are no cases of *Jarndyce v. Jarndyce* still slumbering in Chancery?" Our readers need not be reminded that this dream of a novelist did not touch criminal procedure. Such an observation is about as much in point as his concluding argument that the "American" procedure must be the best, because the court rooms of that country are "better appointed and furnished in good taste," and are not "as cramped and stuffy as most of those in London. Many of them do not seem to be much larger than 20 x 20 feet and are poorly ventilated, dark and grimy." However, our friends can settle this little question among themselves without any assistance from outsiders.