

special field, leaving the responsibility for changing the law to the department of government in which the constitution has lodged it."

The *Central Law Journal* in a series of articles one of which is entitled "Wrecker of law," makes some observations which are cognate to the matters above referred to; but which have special reference to certainty in pleading for the purpose of definite resultant conclusions in the decisions of the matter really involved in a suit. Unlearned and ignorant men have in this matter the same feminine desire (laudable enough in itself) to get rid of technicalities and get at the merits; but they go to work in the same clumsy and often helpless way as do those who seek to get what they call "justice" as distinguished from what they contemptuously style "law."

As to this we quote the following from our contemporary:—

"The position taken in this series of articles is that 'form' is just as necessary in the law, if its symmetry is to be preserved, and justice is to remain certain, as it is in engineering, chemistry or medicine; or as it is in baseball, or tennis, for that matter. If you want to make an effective stroke in golf, or an effective punch in the prize ring, you must do it according to form. All of which simply means that there are principles underlying all human effort, which, if observed, make the effort effective; if not observed, make it abortive or inefficient. So in the law,—its effort is to keep the peace of the state, to settle, to finish litigation. Interest reipublicæ ut sit finis litium. But this does not mean indiscriminate haste. It means that a cause must be settled according to prescribed rules, to the end that when it is once decided, it will be in fact 'settled.' The cause must not be left, after judgment, in the chaotic condition of having pleadings setting forth one cause of action, evidence developing another, and perhaps a judgment based upon both, or neither. This is not speculation. Specific instances can be given where exactly these things have happened. The technics of the law must be observed, or the law will be destroyed. We are drifting that way at present. Why do not the members of the bar who believe so,