

character, and will, if effected, make England less of an asylum for burglars and bond stealers than it at present is; but it is somewhat of a pity that an Act extending to the whole empire cannot be passed to deal with a number of offences for which colonies cannot legislate so as to destroy the technical defences now available to offenders or their accomplices.—*Law Journal*.

GENERAL NOTES.

THE GRAND JURY.—The *Pall Mall Gazette*, referring to the grand jury system, says:—"The original institution of the grand jury is lost in antiquity. The process of electing it in the time of Richard I. was, according to Blackstone (after Hoveden), as follows: Four knights were to be taken from the county at large, who chose two more out of every hundred, which two associated to themselves ten other principal freemen, and those twelve were to answer concerning all particulars relating to their own district (that is, hundreds or wapentakes). 'It has been shown,' says Mr. Forsyth (in his 'History of Trial by Jury'), 'that these jurors were the representatives of and substitutes for the *fama patriæ* or public rumor by which in all times when a man was assailed he was said to be *male creditus*. . . . For some time there appears to have been no difference between this accusing jury and the trying jury, nor can the exact period be determined when they became separate and distinct. Most probably, however, this happened when the ordeal fell into desuetude and was no longer resorted to as a means of testing the truth of the accusation.' With this account of the origin of the grand jury Sir James Fitzjames Stephen ('History of the Criminal Law,' c. viii.) agrees."

TRADE-MARKS IN GERMANY.—In a letter to the *Times*, Mr. Reginald W. Barker says:—"It may interest your readers to know that a new German trade-mark law comes into operation on October 1 next. According to the present law, British marks are registered at Leipsic, but under the new law all previously recorded marks must be entered on the Imperial register at Berlin. The sooner this is done the better, as the first applicant secures priority, and marks previously registered at Leipsic, unless re-registered, will be disregarded by the Berlin officials when dealing with new applications. Owners of trade-marks entered on the Imperial register will be officially informed of