

whose services have not already been secured on the other side. This being the position in which the law places an advocate for the benefit of the community, it is absurd and unjust for anyone to seek to identify counsel with their clients, or in any way make them responsible for the demerits of the case.

The question of the proper dress for men in public has been exercising one of the United States Courts. A traveller having bought a ticket on the defendant's steamer, desired to ride in the saloon in his shirt sleeves. The officers of the boat disagreed with the gentleman as to the propriety of his apparel, ladies being present. A suit resulted. The jury agreed with the officers of the boat and the plaintiff failed in his claim for damages. We quite agree with the jury, but note that in this instance, at all events, the boast of America being a "free country" is not borne out. The question of dress is really one for the ladies to pass upon, and having taken the opinion of some experts of that sex, we gather the unwritten law to be that a shirt without suspenders or a waistcoat is en regle, but that the presence of either of these articles without a coat to cover them puts the wearer out of Court; and we are told that Garibaldi's uniform was a plain red shirt. The writer remembers once appearing (as a student) before the then Clerk of the Common Pleas at Osgoode Hall in Vacation to tax a bill of costs, minus his coat, the weather being intensely hot. This was a terrible shock to the officer, who declined to "see" him or to proceed with business until the outside garment was resumed. That dignified official may perhaps be as much shocked now by a wigless Judge in England (see ante p. 476) as he once was by a coatless clerk; but what will he think, of a coatless Court? We read that on a torrid day last month in Ohio a Judge of that state remarked to the jury, that while he desired to maintain the dignity and decorum of the Court, yet he thought that in such weather some latitude should be permitted, and that any of the jurymen who pleased were at liberty to take off their coats. Shortly after one of the counsel asked if the privilege given to the jury might be extended to counsel. The Judge assenting, the counsel followed suit. After some hesitation the Judge himself did the same. One by one as the day advanced all the jurors took advantage of the permission, and before the Court adjourned were in their shirt-sleeves. This will doubtless be to our old friend at Osgoode Hall a sad proof of the degeneracy of this end of the nineteenth century.