

In the State of Wisconsin—we know not whether there is a similar law in any other State—it has been enacted by the State legislature that, “whenever a person pays for the use of a double lower berth in a sleeping car, he shall have the right to direct whether the upper berth shall be open or closed, unless the upper berth is actually occupied by some other person, and the proprietor of the car and the person in charge of it shall comply with such direction.” A legal problem recently arose out of this in the case of *State v. Redmon*, 114 N.W. Rep. 137, where the court was charged with the duty of deciding as to the constitutionality of the above statute. The result was a learned judgment as to police powers in general and as to the limits of Federal and States jurisdiction, and a finding that the enactment was, under their law, unconstitutional. This, however, need not, at present, concern us. We only refer to the matter now to express the joy we feel that some glimmering of sense is beginning to penetrate into the dull brain of the travelling public, by the knowledge that such a law as that quoted above is in force anywhere, or, at least, that it would like to be in force if the judicial mind would so permit; and in the hope that an attempt may be made by some legislator who is not afraid of railway magnates to get rid of the present tyranny which compels obliging and susceptible porters in sleeping cars to put the regulation lid over the occupants of lower berths, without the slightest benefit even to the company, and very much to the detriment of the health and temper of a long-suffering travelling community. What member of Parliament will make his name famous and secure himself many votes by endeavouring to pass similar legislation in this country?

CUMULATIVE LEGACIES.

“Legacies of equal, less, or greater amount given by different instruments, as by will and codicil, to the same person, are *prima facie* cumulative.” No one will dispute that statement of the law as laid down by Mr. Theobald in the seventh edition of his