

home as they are, and unable to exercise any great supervision over their children, to do much (though they might do something) to drive this plague from their doors. Can the law do nothing towards stamping it out?—*Law Journal (London.)*

GENERAL NOTES.

AN UNUSUAL INCIDENT.—In one of our Courts of Nisi Prius recently was seen the remarkable spectacle of a judge conducting the case of a plaintiff in the absence of her counsel and solicitor. The case was that of a widow suing for the loss of her husband, and, owing to some strange omission, no counsel had been instructed. The judge called the witnesses and examined them so successfully that, although he summed up against the plaintiff, the jury were unable to agree. If to the abolition of pleadings we add the abolition of counsel and solicitors, we shall be in a fair way to realize an ideal jurisprudence.—*London Law Times.*

THE SMALLEST COMPANY ON RECORD.—Under a winding up order made on May 22 against the Anglo-Italian Produce Company (Lim.), which is stated to be the smallest company on record, accounts have been submitted showing the liabilities to be 57*l.*, and assets consisting of an iron safe, said to be the property of the company, and of the estimated value of 2*l.*; the total deficiency, as regards contributories, being 319*l.* The official receiver states that the only business actually done by the company was the purchase and resale of a few tons of rough salt. This produced an apparent profit, but, owing to bad debts incurred through the way in which credit was given, no real profit was made. The only Italian business attempted was the importation of a small parcel of fruit from Messina, which resulted in a loss of 40. The fruit, which was paid for in advance, was partly damaged in transit and thrown overboard, and the remainder was sold by the carriers to pay the freight.

WIGS AND ROBES.—A correspondent of the *Westminster Gazette* points out that the wig is not worn in India nor in Cape Colony. Indeed, at the Cape only two officials are bewigged—the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the Clerk of Parliaments. The wig formed no part of the original Bar costume, and was unknown in the time of the Stuarts. It is simply a relic of the period of the eighteenth century when the wig was