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SUITORS in person appear to be somewhat of a nuisance in the English courts of law. They are said to be persistent appellants, and develop litigiousness to an extent that would fill with envy the Quirk, Gammon & Snaps of the present day. Perhaps it is because law is cheaper here that we are not much troubled with this class; or, perhaps, because a young and healthy country, with a fine climate, does not breed cranks so freely as the frost-bound, snow-clad hills of our motherland. By the way, there is a great deal of excuse for those who have to put up with the the severe climate that prevails in England, as they hear with envy of the bright skies and balmy breezes that Canadians enjoy.

THE great question of the hour is prohibition or otherwise. The grand jury in Baltimore, Md., U.S., makes a good suggestion. We all know how those who frequent saloons at unauthorized hours for the purchase of liquor cease to have any regard for the sanctity of an oath, and consider it a matter of honour to perjure themselves for the protection of the gentleman behind the bar. This grand jury, realizing the difficulty of the position, suggests that a law should be passed "to require all houses selling liquor to have a window so located as to command a full view of the bar and of the room in which the bar is situated, the window to be free from curtains and obstructions of all kinds during the hours which the law now says it is unlawful to sell liquor." An exchange suggests that it would be well also to require the bar and the room to be lighted Sunday nights, for men who will commit perjury to get a drink would not mind taking it in the dark on faith, if they could not get it in any other way.