

care must be taken as to the phraseology excluding actions founded on trespass to land from the operation of the bill.

The Marquis of Salisbury thought that the provision limiting to one year the period for actions on debts not exceeding 5*l.* might possibly be disadvantageous to the poor. A poor man owing a tradesman, say, 4*l.* 10*s.*, and being for the moment unable to pay, might be induced by his creditor to increase the debt to a higher figure than 5*l.* in order to prevent the provisions of this measure from applying.

The bill was read a second time. *April 16.*

GENERAL NOTES.

NECESSARIES.—His Honour Judge Lumley Smith decided that a new set of false teeth was not a necessary for which the separated wife of a Sussex saddler was entitled to pledge her husband's credit. We hope the teeth supplied were as sound as the law; but in giving judgment the learned judge hardly gave sufficient effect to the maxim that the luxuries of one generation are the necessaries of the next, and its possible application to the case of artificial teeth, for he said that man had done without them for centuries—in fact, during the reign of the common law—and that no parish doctor would order them to be supplied as parish relief, to which the modern philanthropic politician would, like Bumble, reply, 'The Poor Law's a hass.' We have heard of another husband who took a different view of his rights as to his wife's false teeth. His house was burnt and she within it, whereupon he included in his claim on his fire-policy 10*l.* in respect of his interest in the false teeth.—*Law Journal (London).*

PRIOR USE.—A patentee recently protected a small domestic appliance. Sometime afterward a too enterprising antiquary ransacking the tombs of Egypt turned up a similar appliance, which he considers to have been in use three thousand years ago. This discovery, in the opinion of an expert, vitiates the letters patent recently granted, inasmuch as the invention for which protection was therein granted was not new and original.—*Law Gazette.*