

fore, that the defendant had consumed 1*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.* worth of gas more than he had paid for, and for this amount he was summoned. On his behalf it was contended that the company was responsible for the accurate working of the attachment, and that if more than 25 feet per penny were allowed to pass through into the meter the consumer ought not to pay for the excess. He could not accept that view. There might, perhaps, have been some force in it if there had been no special agreement in the case. The defendant, however, contracted to pay for the gas supplied as registered by the meter, and there was nothing in the agreement which limited the liability of the consumer to the pennies which he put into the slot. Another point urged on behalf of the defendant was that the Act gives no power to the company to sue in the Police Court except for the price of gas supplied. The words of section 23 of the Gas Works Clauses Act, 1871, are: 'In case any person who should have been supplied with gas shall neglect or refuse to pay the amount due in respect of such supply,' the company may take proceedings before the magistrate to recover the amount; and by other sections in the Act it appears that the company is authorised to charge a rent or rate in addition to the price of gas for the use of fittings such as are ordinarily required by a consumer. I am therefore of opinion that the company is entitled to recover in this Court for the amount claimed, and I give judgment against the defendant for 1*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.*, the amount claimed, and 12*s.* costs. The order is for payment of the money, or, in default, distress.

GENERAL NOTES.

ALIMONY CLAIMED BY HUSBAND.—The new woman has long since been admitted to the bar in most of the States. The married woman's statutes have emancipated her from the disabilities of coverture as to her property rights, and the policy of these statutes practically emancipates her person from the control of her husband. She now sues for the seduction of her husband, as freely as the husband for her seduction. The bicycle has completed what the legislatures and courts have left undone, by clothing her in the manly costume, and exhibiting her to the world in the character for which she has long pined—as a two-