

lying within a straight line drawn from one point of land or adjacent island to the next point of land or island upon the English shores. The prowess of the British Navy has happily made all the waters of this planet (except the Kiel Canal) "The King's Chamber," and to this agrees the words of the poet: "The sea is merrie England's and England's shall remain." Other articles are:—The apportionment of annuities between tenant for life and remainderman.—Hindu Wills—Domicile in countries granting ex-territorial privileges—The effect of war on the German legal mind; as to this it may safely be said that the German legal mind now appears to be in the same distorted condition as their lay mind it remains to be seen how long it will take to bring them back to a normal condition.

Crustula Juris: Being a Collection of Leading Cases on Contract done into Verse by MARY E. FLETCHER and B. W. RUSSELL. With a preface by HUMPHREY MELLISH, K.C., and an Introduction by Mr. Justice RUSSELL.

This comes to us from Nova Scotia, whose foremost statesman was also a poet. Poetry is still a passion there with men and women of affairs. Had not information been vouchsafed us in the book itself, many would have gone in ignorance of the real meaning of its title, for, notwithstanding the unmistakable Horatian savour of "*Crustula*" in the nostrils of the learned, to most of us the word is a dark saying, and, coupled with "*Juris*," is not apt to connote an enterprise of mixing the dry flour of English case-law with the waters of Aganippe, and so producing legal sweetmeats. But let us quote Mr. Justice Russell's reading of its meaning in his clever metrical introduction to the book:—

"*Crustula*, dear Horace calls them—
'Little cakes' for youngling's jaws;
When the stronger food appals them
Stuff these in their tender maws!

"In our modern poets' pages
Rhyme and reason seldom blend,
But the wisdom of the sages
Here to you in verse we send."

Bolingbroke, quoting Cicero, declares that a lawyer must be something more than a mere *cantor formularum*. He must sing the eternal principles of right. So, as we have hinted above, the enterprise of putting law into poetry could hardly be new. Pittacus, one of the Seven Wise Men of Greece, wrote his laws in