

a complaint is to put a premium on trumped-up charges. Nothing (it is submitted) could be more dangerous than to admit a letter under almost any circumstances. The writing of a letter must be a deliberate and considered act, and this element of deliberation ought alone to be sufficient to exclude the latter. Where no complaint is made immediately after the assault (as was the case in both the recent cases referred to), the writing of a letter containing a detailed account of the alleged crime will probably seem to most persons more consistent with an imaginary assault or a fabricated charge than with a true story. Anyhow, it must always be most dangerous to allow a letter of this sort to be read by a jury, for it is impossible to secure that a jury shall give to it only its proper weight."

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We notice the following sentence contained in the July number of *The Law Quarterly Review* in a review of Beal's Law of Bailments:—"It is a novelty to find Canadian cases attached. To English lawyers they may sometimes be useful, and they will no doubt add greatly to the value of the work in Canada. As they are all added in foot notes apart from the English cases and kept out of the text altogether, even the most insular of English lawyers has only to disregard them." It might be quite in order to criticize the above extract somewhat sharply; but we are quite sure that there was no intention on the part of the writer to say anything offensive. The peculiarity, however, of a certain type of Englishmen is that they seem unable, when speaking of any country outside the "tight little island," not to say something which leaves an unpleasant sensation of being "sat upon." The reviewer would probably be quite unable to see the implied sneer in the above quotation, and is doubtless serenely unconscious of what would be palpable in that respect to anyone else—and for the simple reason, that the class to which he belongs goes through life in a curiously constructed atmosphere, which whilst blinding them to their own egotistical arrogance and general ignorance of all matters outside their own island, at the same time throws a bright light on peculiarities which either irritate those whose skins are not as thick as their own, or else amuses those of us who know that they really cannot help it, and that after all they are not such bad fellows when you come to know them.