

CITING LAW TO A VETERAN.—Lord Esher, master of the rolls, still active at 82 years of age, has, it is said, been giving some unconventional *dicta* from the bench. In an action for libel involving the professional sensibilities of two musicians, one of whom was Tito Mattie, the composer, the judge stopped a counsel who wished to quote authorities as to what may be libel, saying "If you do, it will be a serious libel on us. We ought to know enough law to decide a wretched case of this size, where the damages were only £20, without counsel having to help us by referring to authorities. Do shut up your book."

THE QUAKER AND HIS HAT.—During the hearing of a case before Mr. Justice Grantham at Leeds, one of the witnesses for the plaintiff, an old man named James Briggs, stepped into the witness-box wearing an old-fashioned broad-brimmed Quaker hat, and ignored a whispered intimation from the judge's clerk that he must remove it. His Lordship asked him if it was part of his creed to keep his hat on, and under what circumstances he wished to keep it on. The witness replied that he believed it to be required of him to keep it on in the presence of all men, but that he thought it right to take it off when using the name of the Almighty. He added that, although he did not wish to act with any want of respect to the Court, he did not feel called upon to uncover. The learned judge said he should be sorry to say anything to hurt anyone's conscience, and that he would not ask the witness to remove his hat, and the old man accordingly was allowed to make an affirmation with his hat on.

The following headnotes, says the *American Case and Comment*, appear in Kulp's report of a recent Pennsylvania case: '1. When a cow, city-bred and country-sold, dissenting from its changed environment, and disregarding the right of its purchaser, returns to the city and conducts herself upon the highway in a manner prejudicial to little children, and repugnant to municipal ordinances, a constable who recognises her as an old acquaintance, and extends the friendly shelter of his barn, being assisted therein by a policeman, is not guilty of obstructing the latter in the performance of duty by subsequent refusal to surrender possession, without evidence upon the record showing special authority in the policeman from the mayor under the ordinance involved, because, in the absence thereof, neither officer had exclusive right, and hence the constable being *prior in tempore*, was *potior in jure*. 2. *Semble*, a case which involves, upon *certiorari*, the