

We have the high authority of Sir Edward Coke for declaring that "corporations have no souls," and that "a man's house is his castle."

The expression, "An accident of an accident," is borrowed from Lord Tharlow. "The greatest happiness of the greatest number" occurs in Bentham, but as an acknowledged translation from the jurist Beccaria.

It is John Seldon who suggests that by throwing a straw into the air one may see the way of the wind.

—*Case and Comment.*

EXPERT TESTIMONY.

One of the common faults of experts is the desire to use many technical words, and thus confuse court and jury. In a case mentioned by Gilbert Stewart in his work on "Legal Medicine," a surgeon was called to testify on a trial for assault. He stated that he found the injured man "suffering from a severe contusion of the integuments under the left orbit, with great extravasation of blood and ecchymosis in the surrounding cellular tissues, which were in a state of tumidity." Now, of course, after a jury listened to such a description, it would seem that the patient was about to die or that his condition was exceedingly dangerous, while, as a matter of fact, the eminent follower of Hippocrates was describing an ailment which we commonly call "a black eye."

Mr. Justice L. J., one of the Judges of the King's Bench Division, England, to which he was appointed in 1915, died last month at what is called in England the "early age" of sixty-one. Though said not to be a very profound lawyer nor a very eloquent advocate, the late judge commended himself to the Bar by his force of character, thoroughness, shrewd common-sense and practical ability. His professional career commenced with his being a Solicitor, not going to the Bar until the age of four and thirty. His business experience doubtless added much to his usefulness as a judge.

The California Law Review in a recent issue gives reasons why the Code States of our neighbours to the south of us should adopt a Uniform Sales Act, and to that extent meet the convenience of the public. This reminds us of the necessity which exists in having a uniform system of laws and legal procedure for the Dominion of Canada. This should not be hampered by any tradition of the past or any mere matter of sentiment.