

lish partners, one of whom, a lady, applied for the appointment of the other English partner as receiver, on the ground that the partnership was dissolved upon the outbreak of war. After expressing the opinion to which we have referred, his Lordship made the order for a receiver as asked; but he did so only upon the ground that the substratum of the business had in this case disappeared. It appears to us that the true view of the general situation is rather to be found in the solution suggested by Mr. E. J. Schuster in his pamphlet on the "Effect of War on Commercial Transactions" (p. 20), that such a partnership is not necessarily dissolved by the outbreak of war; the winding-up cannot in any case take place until the war is over, and, as the reason for dissolution is then at an end, there is no reason why the partnership should not again become operative.

THE ORIGIN OF LYNCHING.

How many people, should they be asked as to the origin of lynch law, would answer that such executions were first in favour somewhere west of the Pecos? These same persons would be greatly surprised, I dare say, if they knew that Lynch's Law (as it was then known) was the outgrowth of a peculiar state of affairs in no other a state than that of the ancient Commonwealth of Virginia. However, Lynch's Law did not necessarily call for capital punishment by hanging; in some instances it was flogging, in others imprisonment, and in few cases, death.

In the year 1724, there was a lad, Charles Lynch or Licht by name, aged 15 years, who became dissatisfied in his Irish home over ill-treatment from a stepmother and the harsh discipline from a schoolmaster. Young Lynch determined on leaving the Ould Sod as one day he chanced on a sea captain on the eve of sailing for America. The lad told his story and asked to be allowed to accompany his new acquaintance. Consent being given, Lynch started on his eventful journey, but a few miles off shore repented of his rashness, leaped from the deck and attempted to reach shore. He was rescued by the crew, the ship continuing her journey.