

At last ye have roused the Sea Queen ! at last, when the world unites,
She stirs from her scornful silence, and wakes to her last of fights.
Alone, with a world against her, she has turned on the snarling crew,
No longer the peaceful trader, but the Viking the North Seas knew.
She calls, and her ships of battle—dragons her seas have bred—
Glide into Plymouth harbor, and gather round Beachy Head.
She wakes ! and the clang of arming echoes through all the earth,
The ring of warriors' weapons—stern music of soldier's mirth.
In the world there be many nations, and there gathers round every throne
The strength of earth-born armies, but the Sea is England's own.
As she ruled, she still shall rule, from Plymouth to Esquimalt ;
As long as the winds are tameless—as long as the waves are salt.
This may be our Armageddon—seas may purple with blood and flame,
As we go to our rest forever, leaving the world a name.
What matter? there have been none like us, nor any to tame our pride :
If we fall, we shall fall as they fell, die as our fathers died.
What better? the seas that bred us shall rock us to rest at last,
If we sink with the Jack still floating, nailed to the Nation's mast.

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We continue our review of the cases in the January numbers of the Law Reports :—

NULLITY OF MARRIAGE—DURESS.

Ford v. Stier, (1896) P. 1, was a matrimonial suit for a declaration of nullity of marriage on the ground of duress. The evidence showed that the petitioner when about 17 years of age was induced by her mother, under whose control she was to go to a church and go through the form of marriage with the respondent, that she objected, but was told that it would be all right, and that she supposed it was only a betrothal, that she hardly knew the respondent, and after the ceremony she had thrown away the ring, and the respondent immediately went off to Africa without consummating the marriage, and that the petitioner had never seen him since, and had four years afterwards married another man. It also appeared that