

all events, such a feeling has always had great influence on the minds of English and American judges. Whether it is wise to be so careful of the prisoner, is another and larger

question. Protests against such an excessive solicitude are not wanting to-day, and among them one may, perhaps, count this North Carolina case.'

BRIEFS FROM EXCHANGES.

Old Grizzle was a man of will,
And money, too, galore ;
He quarrelled with his relatives,
With him, they calmly bore.

For men must die, and Grizzle did,
But with his latest breath,
He gave his money to the poor,
He had a will in death.

The Supreme Court of Justice of Belgium has just been called upon to decide a novel and extraordinary question. One of the leading surgeons of Brussels had occasion, about a year ago, to amputate the right leg of a young married lady belonging to the highest circles of the aristocracy. The operator was so pleased with his job that he preserved the leg in a jar of spirits of wine, and placed it on exhibition in his consulting room, a card being affixed to the jar giving the patient's name and the details concerning the circumstance which had rendered the operation necessary. On hearing this, the husband of the lady demanded the immediate discontinuance of the exhibition, and the return of the severed member, as being his property. To this the surgeon demurred. He admitted that the plaintiff had property rights in the leg while it formed part of his wife, but argued that the leg in its present condition was the result of his (defen-

dant's) skill and the work of his own hands, and that he was clearly entitled to keep it. The court seemed rather staggered by this line of argument, and after taking a fortnight to consider the question, has finally decided against the doctor and in favor of the husband's claim to the possession of the amputated leg of his better half.

A loan association may be compelled to accept such a sum in satisfaction of a mortgage given by one of its members, and held by it, as accords with the representations in reference to its by-laws, made by its secretary in his dealings with plaintiff at the time of making the loan. *Grant and Hooker, JJ., dissenting.—Sawyer v. Menominee Loan and Bldg. Ass. re* (S.C. Michigan. Dec. 22, 1894.)

AN extraordinary suit has been instituted in Alabama. A young widow was passenger in a train from Louisville to Nashville, and occupied a seat near those of a newly-married couple. The bridegroom, having left his wife's side for a moment, returned while the train was passing through a tunnel, and in the darkness kissed the widow in mistake for his wife. The lady will not believe that it was an acci-