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In Canada the privilege accorded to members of the legislatures, of being supplied with letter paper and envelopes, was gradually extended to include costly trunks filled with valuable articles. Norway furnishes a more amusing illustration of elastic interpretation of members' privileges. In addition to their daily allowance, members are entitled to free nursing and medical attendance, "if ill during the session." This privilege has been extended by the members themselves to courses of gymnastics, massage, baths, wine for the sick ("medical comforts"), drawing and stopping teeth, etc.

The facts of what has been termed a strike of the Spanish bar, are given as follows in a communication from a distinguished member of the Madrid Bar to the *London Law Journal*:—"Spain was formerly divided, for juridical purposes, into fifteen great circuits, in each of which there was a Court of Appeal for the civil and criminal business of the district, disposed of by the judges of first instance. Each of these courts comprised the tribunals of first instance of several provinces. Subsequently a change was made in Spanish criminal jurisdiction. The judges of first instance were charged only with the administration of civil justice; and to the fifteen Courts of Appeal