

exchange his earldom for a dukedom, on the ground that "an earl who had a numerous family might send one son to the Temple and another to the counting-house in the city; but the sons of a duke were all lords, and a lord could not make his bread at the Bar or on 'Change." There are lords at the Bar now, a son of the present Prime Minister among them, and not only lords by courtesy, but at least one Peer of Ireland and one Peer of the United Kingdom who are in practice more or less extensively.—*World*.

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THE following extract from a pleading on file in the Supreme Court of North Carolina is taken from 112 N. C. 476: The plaintiff says: "Every such allegation is unjust to her credulity, manifests a lamentable want of the gallantry and courtesy to a lady which usually guides the strong arm of the draughtsman of pleadings in courts of justice, and she respectfully and kindly submits that such harsh and cruel accusations are not in keeping with that elegant, lofty and pol-

ished sentiment which is the growing glory of the American law."

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THE recent escape of the post office robbers from Ludlow Street jail in New York City, and the censure of Sheriff Tamsen by a Federal Grand Jury, has called the attention of the people generally to the liability of a sheriff for a voluntary escape. This question was recently dealt with by the Supreme Court of Indiana in the case of Hoagland v. State *ex rel* Set-sieber, 40 N. E. Rep., 931, wherein it is held that where a sheriff permits a defendant committed to his custody for non-payment of a final judgment in hasty proceedings to go at large, unattended, on his promise to return, there is a voluntary escape, rendering the sheriff liable for the payment of the judgment. After the sheriff has permitted such defendant to so go at large, he cannot, by again receiving him into his custody, without plaintiff's consent, relieve himself from liabilities for the payment of the judgment.—*Literary Digest*.

WIG AND WIT.

"Much given to speech and seasoned anecdote,
And wit and repartee of Bench and Bar."
—*Valentine*.

ACCORDING to the *Washington Law Reporter* a jury is a body organized for the purpose of deciding which side in a law suit has the smartest lawyer.

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MEETING a person of not immaculate character, clad in black, Judge Vose (of New Hampshire) asked him for whom he was in mourning. "For my sins," answered the man, jocularly. "Have you lost any of them?" inquired the Judge.

THERE was a sergeant-at-law named Walker who in the presence of Sergeant Whitaker was praised by a titled lady for the way in which he had danced a minuet. "Pray, your ladyship," said Whitaker, "was it upon his hind or his fore legs that Sergeant Walker moved so gracefully?"

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THE story goes that Foote, having occasion for evidence of one Walter Ross of Edinburgh, the latter, who was a Scotchman, travelled all the way to London in a postchaise in the character of a writer to the signet, for which he charged the dramatist the entire expense.