

Romans. Coming at last to a temporary pause, the president said: "Now, sir, that you have got the Romans in the jug, you can proceed with the case."

[To be continued.]

CURRENT EVENTS.

ENGLAND.

TRADE SECRETS.—In the case of *Hagg v. Darley*, decided in the Chancery Division of the English High Court of Justice on the 25th of March last, it was held that a covenant in restraint of trade, although it is unrestricted in respect of space, is reasonable and therefore good in law, if it relates to a trade secret. In this case the purchaser of the business of certain manufacturers and sellers of well-known disinfectants, by his statement of claim alleged, that the mode by which those disinfectants were manufactured was a secret, that the vendors of the business (of whom the defendant was one) had at the time of the sale entered into a several covenant not to carry on the business of manufacturers or sellers of such disinfectants, or other articles of a similar kind within fourteen years from that date, and that the defendant had infringed this covenant.

QUEBEC.

BATONNIERS.—Mr. W. H. Kerr, Q. C., Mr. R. Alley, Q. C., and Mr. Robert N. Hall, Q. C., have been elected Batonniers for the Districts of Montreal, Quebec and St. Francis respectively.

UNITED STATES.

THE BANKRUPT LAW.—The Senate on the 10th inst. passed the bill to repeal the bankrupt law, amended so as to make the act go into effect on the 1st of September next. This amendment was a concession to the friends of the existing law who have gained considerable strength in the Senate. We trust the House will concur in the amendment, as a refusal to do so might imperil the success of the movement for repeal. While an immediate, unconditional repeal of the existing statute is what is demanded by the great majority of the people, there is an in-

fluent and active body who oppose such a course. The only danger to the movement for repeal is in a disagreement of the two houses, which the friends of the law will do their utmost to bring about.—*Albany Law Journal*.

AN INJUNCTION AGAINST MESMERIC INFLUENCE.—The Boston *Advertiser* says: "A bill in equity has been filed in the office of the clerk of the court at Salem, by Miss Lucretia Brown, of Ipswich, against Daniel H. Spofford, formerly of Salem, but now of New York, in which she sets forth that she is now suffering from a serious spinal disease, caused by the mesmeric influence which Spofford exerts over her, and she petitions the Supreme Judicial Court for an injunction against Spofford, to restrain him from further exerting his influence upon her. The case is a somewhat curious one, and has excited considerable interest in the community. Spofford professed to cure diseases by the laying-on of hands and mesmeric influence. It appears that he was a pupil of Mrs. M. B. Eddy, of Lynn, who claims to have acquired the art of healing all diseases by a special revelation. She agreed to impart her knowledge to Spofford for \$100 cash and ten per cent on his future accruing profits. The \$100 was paid, but the royalty has not been, and Mrs. Eddy claims that Spofford has set up in the practice of her especial system, and has interfered with her in several of her cases, to the great injury of her patients, Miss Brown's case being one of those in which Spofford has exerted a counter influence. It does not appear that Spofford was ever called professionally to Miss Brown, but that he exerted his influence from a distance, and does now from New York. The issue of the application will be watched with considerable interest."

GENERAL NOTES.

THE CHINESE IN THE U. S.—In the United States Circuit Court for the District of California, on the 29th ult., Judge Sawyer decided, in the case of a Chinaman who applied for naturalization, that a Chinaman is not a white person within the meaning of the term as used in the naturalization laws, and not entitled to become a citizen. The case will undoubtedly be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.