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For the purpose of giving to our readers a fairly complete summary of the law applicable to the main features of the subject of Trades Unions, we publish in this issue an article from a contributor in the United States. He collects and comments upon the leading authorities in that country dealing with that important subject. The reference of the writer to the early English cases, to be found in the musty tomes of the Henrys, is interesting as showing that there is "nothing new under the sun" even as to this, so-called, modern grievance, except the name "boycott," by which it is best known.

Though the thought conveyed thereby is both barbarous and brutal, the maxim that "to the victors belong the spoils" will be the rule until the millenium comes. We do not propose, therefore, to quarrel with the inevitable; but we do protest, on behalf of those concerned, against the distribution of some of the spoils. Existing governments must, of course, make all appointments necessary for the administration of justice. The necessity that judges should be lawyers is a fact which politicians must most deeply deplore, but there is no such necessity in the case of Sheriffs, Registrars, Surrogate and County Court Clerks, etc. It is generally admitted, and certainly cannot be denied, that positions such as these would be much better filled, and with more advantage to the public, by lawyers than by laymen; and so it borders on the ludicrous to see them given to men taken out of the ranks of auctioneers, bakers, farmers, builders, millers, store-keepers, etc. These men are, doubtless, worthy citizens, and, we may suppose, have done good work for their bosses: but why should available men in the legal profession, who would be glad of such jobs, who have done equally good service, and whose education and legal knowledge fits them for such offices, be passed over. The wonder is that those of them who belong to the party in power put up with it. Lawyers on both sides of politics are more valuable from a party standpoint than any other class, but are contemptuously ignored when the spoils are divided. They do not protest against the injustice. We make bold to do so on their behalf.