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The October number of this Review, edited by Sir Frederick Pollock, contains the usual interesting notes on current cases, as well as the following articles, contributed by writers of eminence: The Native States of India, Limitations of the powers of Common Law Corporations, Burgage Tenure in Mediæval England, The Co-operative Nature of English Sovereignty, The Shoreditch Assessment case, The Newport Dock dispute, The Jurisdiction of the Inns at Court over the Inns of Chancery, Hallam and the Indemnity Acts, Hospital ships and the carriage of passengers and crews of destroyed prizes, A Note on the Hague Award in the Atlantic Fisheries Arbitration; all excellent and interesting reading.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

ANCIENT CEREMONIES AND RENT CUSTOMS:—Certain officers of the corporation of the city of London attended recently before the King's Remembrancer, in open court in the High Court of Justice, to perform a certain ancient ceremony and to render certain quit rents and services on behalf of the corporation due for lands and tenements in the counties of Salop and Middlesex. The proceedings took place in one of the courts erected in the Judge's Quadrangle, in the presence of a number of visitors. The proceedings opened with a short account of the ceremony given by Master Mellor. He said that the services had been rendered for about 700 years in open court. When these services were established it was not usual to pay rent in money. The piece of land in Shropshire was woodland and that in Middlesex was a piece on which originally a blacksmith's forge had stood. Then followed the rendering of the quit rents and services. The city solicitor (Sir Homewood Crawford) cut one fagot with a hatchet and another with a billhook. He then counted out six horseshoes and 61 nails. At the end the King's Remembrancer said, "good number."—*Times*.

We have reason to be proud of our administration of the criminal law, and justly so, for the two recent trials at the Old Bailey of Dr. Crippen and Miss Le Neve afford excellent ex-