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*Est quidem vera lex, recta ratio, natura congruens, diffusa in omnes, constans, sempiterna.* CICERO.

True law is nothing but right reason, consonant to nature, intuitive in all, constantly the same.

"A piece of crack'd gold ever will weigh down  
Silver that's whole."—

FLETCHER—*Custom of the country.*

*Pan curat oves, oviumque magistros.*

VIRGIL.

Both silly sheep and shepherds are  
Of rural Pan the watchful care.

N. B. In the last number in a note, page 285, reference is made to a motto allusive to the verses by C. A. intended to have been prefixed, but which was, by mistake, omitted; it is this.

*Ipsa memor precepta canam; Celabitur Auctor.*

HORACE.

The doctrine's good and ought to be reveal'd,  
Altho' the Author will remain conceal'd.

TRIAL FOR LIBEL, *Abstract of, continued.*

"The liberty of a moral agent, in the use of every other instrument" (than the press,) "is, as has been shewn, co-extensive with good motive and justifiable end; the question therefore resolves itself into this—Is it possible, that in a free country, under a constitution which declares the liberty of the press is essential to the security of freedom, and that it ought not to be restrained—is it possible that it is not the right of every citizen to use the press for a good motive and a justifiable end?"

"If this be, as I think, incontrovertible; if, necessarily, ev-