

CORRESPONDENCE.—ARTICLES OF INTEREST IN COTEMPORARY JOURNALS.

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*Signing Judgment in Division Courts under O. J. A.*  
To the Editor of the LAW JOURNAL.

SIR,—I enclose a judgment of Judge Dean, of Lindsay, for publication, if you consider it of sufficient importance. It is opposed to Judge Clark's judgment, recently published, and is in my opinion the safer decision. We do not want the Division Courts to supersede the County Courts, as they will do unless kept within bounds. Cases of importance involving nice questions of law, are being constantly decided without pleadings and without time for consideration, and the public interests must suffer. It is about the worst school for a young lawyer, and yet if things go on as they have been the Division Courts will monopolise the business, and leave nothing for the County Courts.

Yours, etc.,

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Directors as bank speculators.—*Ib.*

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Accidents to other than travellers on railways—Contributory negligence.—*Ib.*, Jan. 13.

Evasion of contract not to carry on business.—*Ib.*

Criminal attempts (continued).—*Irish L. T.*, 9, 16, 1882.

Contracts impossible of performance.—*Ib.*, Dec. 23.

Wigs and gowns.—*Ib.*, from *Pall Mall Gazette*.

Farming on shares.—*Central L. J.*, Dec. 15.

Liability of examiners of titles of real estate.—*Ib.*, Dec. 22.

Physicians, evidence in life insurance cases—Privilege.—*Ib.*

Evidence—Res gestee.—*Ib.*, Jan. 5, 12, 1883.

Forbearance of suit as a consideration.—*Ib.*, Jan. 5.

Proof of handwriting by comparison.—*American Law Review*, Jan., Feb.

Agreement for separation between husband and wife.—*Ib.*

The elements distinguishing the successful from the ordinary legal practitioner, and what they suggest.—*Ib.*

Auction sales.—*American Law Register*, Jan. Witness refusing to give criminating evidence.—*Ib.*

Discriminating tariffs for carriage of freight.—*Ib.* Comparative criminal jurisprudence.—*Criminal Law Review*, Jan.

We have received an advertisement and circular as to the "Portable Electric Lighter." It is claimed that this little instrument, (costing only \$5), by the mere pressure of a spring, gives an instantaneous light; that it has a burglar alarm attachment—a most useless thing, by the way, for the editor of a legal journal; that a medical battery can also be attached, which is more to the purpose, and it can be so arranged as to light up or ring a bell in a distant room, and perform various surprising feats which would have utterly subverted the solemnity of the Bench and Bar of half a century ago; but the profession of the present day is surprised at nothing; we should probably survive if the Attorney-General were to allow a session to pass without altering the procedure of the Courts or amending the Drainage Acts; in fact we cannot do better than suggest one of these instruments for the use of the Local Legislature, to throw some light on the necessity of half the Acts that we have to make ourselves acquainted with every year. We propose to get one of these instruments, and trust it may not result in our sanctum becoming the permanent residence of an aurora borealis, which the *Scientific American* tells us may now be produced to order in large quantities by an electric battery.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE. The numbers of this excellent serial for the weeks ending March 3 and 10, contain The Brothers Henry and Thomas Erskine, Westminster; The Primacy of Archbishop Tait, British Quarterly; A Farewell Appearance, Longmans; Dr. John Brown of Edinburgh, and Churchmans; Poetry, Macmillan; Mr. Gladstone's School-days, Temple Bar; In Alsace, Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden, and The First of the White Month, Leisure Hour; Some Curious Commissions, All the Year Round; The Humors of Examinations, and A Reminiscence of Sir Walter Scott, Chambers; with the conclusion of "A Singular Case" and instalments of "For Himself Alone," and "No New Thing," and the usual amount of poetry.