

speeches; don't ask the witnesses unnecessary questions; don't make unnecessary objections; the jury who look to the court for their law lose confidence in the lawyer whose objections are constantly overruled.

"When you bring your case before the Supreme Court don't cite too many authorities. We have always five or six cases to consider a night, and it is really not necessary in a case involving a promissory note to cite every case in which the word promissory note occurs."

GENERAL NOTES.

LEVYING ON A BANKRUPT'S PENSION.—An application was made to the Judge of Warwick County Court yesterday for payment of part of Colonel Greenway's income to a Trustee, for the benefit of the creditors in his bankruptcy. Colonel Greenway was partner in the bankrupt bank, but prior to joining he served for a number of years with the British army in India, and is receiving a pension of £170 per annum for his services. Mr. Lloyd Chadwick appeared for the Trustee, and asked that £70 per annum should be deducted for the benefit of the creditors on the separate estate, the deficiency on which amounts to £15,000. Mr. Sanderson, who represented the bankrupt, made an appeal *ad misericordiam* for the bankrupt, who had been reduced by the failure to poverty, except for the pension he enjoyed. The bankrupt had rendered very distinguished services to the Crown in India. The Judge made the order asked for, but remarked that its effect would be to punish Colonel Greenway rather than to benefit the creditors. The payment of £70 a year was a mere drop in the ocean compared with the liabilities that had to be satisfied; but still it was the bankrupt's duty to do what he reasonably could toward the deficiency, even though it had no appreciable effect upon the estate.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

THE TOUCH FEMININE.—A contemporary law journal, edited by a lady, refers to an interesting event in the following terms:—"To us a child of hope is born; to us a son is given. This was the refrain of the song at the beautiful home of Elbridge Haney during the past week. May the good angels guard and protect him as well as the quartette of little girls who came earlier to bless this home."

A GREAT JUDGE ON CIRCUIT.—The following is from Sir Frederick Pollock's "Remembrances": "My father's circuit-goings were great events in the family. He travelled in a landaulet which opened and shut easily. There was no box seat in front, but there was a 'rumble' behind for the clerks. The capacity for luggage was small, but there was a front boot and a strangely-shaped oaken case to fill the whole of the space under the seat inside, and there were the sword-case and the pockets for books and small articles. Provision was always made for dinner on the road, and in the summer a morella cherry pie was specially prepared for it, and of course there would be two or

three bottles of the excellent wine for which my father's cellar was famous. The start was generally made in the evening, and the first night would be passed at Stevenage or Alconbury Hill, the second at Searthing Moor or Barnby Moor, where stood capital roadside inns with large gardens." The following example of an old-fashioned habit of Lord Ellenborough's is given: "Lord Westmoreland was on his legs in the House of Lords, and giving his opinion on the question in debate, said: 'My Lords, at this point I asked myself a question.' * * * Lord Ellenborough, in a loud aside: 'And a d—d stupid answer you'll be sure to get to it.'"

PERSONAL IDENTITY.—We have frequently referred in these columns to the fallaciousness of evidence of personal identity. A remarkable illustration of this has been chronicled this week. On Monday week the East Surrey coroner held an inquest on the body of a woman who had been found dead in bed at a common lodging-house. Previous to her death, the deceased woman had informed a fellow-lodger that her name was Eliza Gorham, and that her solicitor was a Mr. Mayo. At the inquest, Mr. Mayo, Jr., and a sister of Eliza Gorham positively identified her as Eliza Gorham, whose husband had obtained a decree nisi in the Divorce Court in December last. On the other hand, Mr. Gorham, the husband of Eliza Gorham, was equally positive that the woman was not his wife, and Mr. Mayo, Sr., and Eliza Gorham's mother and brother also failed to identify her. The matter became more complicated when it appeared that Eliza Gorham had an old-cut scar at the back of her head and a piece off one of her lower teeth, and the woman who laid the body out, swore that the deceased woman had such a scar on the head, and there was also a piece off one of the lower teeth. It further appeared that Mrs. Gorham was given to habits of intemperance, as also was the deceased woman. Eventually the case was taken as that of a woman unknown, and a verdict of death from an affection of the heart brought on by drink was returned. In consequence of the publicity of the proceedings at the coroner's inquiry and the description given of the dead woman, a Mr. Frederick Ralph Fussell, an artist, of Mablethorpe, Louth, Lincolnshire, who is instituting divorce proceedings against his wife Elizabeth, aged forty-five years, and which cause is in the list for hearing next week, came to London, and having consulted with his London solicitor, the two repaired to Ewer Street Mortuary to view the body of the woman lying there dead, and having done so, they both immediately identified her as Elizabeth Fussell, as well as recognized her clothing.—*Law Journal (Lond.)*

A LEADING CASE.

Her name was Sniggs—it didn't suit
Her rich, æsthetic nature,
And so she thought she'd have it changed
By act of Legislature.

She sought a limb—a legal man
With lots of subtle learning,
And unto him she did confide
Her soul's most faithful yearning.