

came to be inquired into the next day, various singular discoveries were made. One individual did not attend because *Esquire* was not attached to his address in the invitation-card.\* Another because his next door neighbour had been first invited. The auctioneer thought it beneath him to sit in company with a respectable master-tradesman; who, in his turn, could not bear the idea of making "hail fellow well met!" with a shop-keeper's clerk, (the only poor wight who honoured his card by swallowing some twelve dozen of oysters or so.) The brewer swore he'd be damned before he made one of such a *mixture of all sorts*; and his neighbour, the notary public, when he ascertained the fact of the brewer being invited, invoked perdition on his soul, if he joined such a *beastly crew*. Lawyer Blank would have come, had not his wife, poor woman, kept him at home, for fear of his doing naughty things when out of her sight. Two justices of the peace alledged, as their reasons for not making their appearance; one, the extreme delicacy he should feel in sitting in company with a man whom he had grossly injured, by a wrongful commitment to jail†; the other, because the aforesaid auctioneer had paid, as he thought, a bad compliment to his better half, at a vendue once, in not knocking down a lot of china ware to her at her own price. One knight of the lancet, in his defence, said he was not in the habit of mixing with low company; and another was afraid the company was

\*The abuse of the title of Esquire is no where carried to a greater height of absurdity, than in Canada. I mean ere long to issue an ordinance, pointing out who may in future be so distinguished, and who not, which will no doubt be found highly useful. L. L. M.

† This is so extremely common an accident in Canada, that I wonder it should excite the least sensation of injury on one side, or of compunction on the other. Wrongful commitments are such matters of course, that they are deemed quite unworthy of thought or comment. L. L. M.