

Of course one does not expect legislation affecting the legal profession to be treated with ordinary fairness by the average newspaper penny-a-liner. The temptation which assails him for a stale cheap joke is too great to be resisted; and, as he knows nothing of the subject, he could not be expected to treat it with intelligence. But one does expect something thoughtful and intelligent from one of the leading daily journals, perhaps the best of them. Were it not for the sneers at the members of a profession which has a larger percentage of high minded and honorable men than any other calling in the community, newspaper men included, the sentence we quote might be supposed to be an extract from Mark Twain. This sentence is as follows: "Good conveyancing is not so much a matter of legal skill or knowledge as of personal character and moral fibre." Could anything be funnier! The proposition is so manifestly absurd, and so curiously expressed, that any analysis is superfluous. But what *does* this remarkable journalist mean by "personal character?" Does he refer to moral character or immoral character, or strong character or weak character, or what? Every man on earth has some sort of a "personal character"; but no man is born with an intimate knowledge of the law of real property. A child may draw in "moral fibre" with his mother's milk, and may grow up to rival Joseph in morality, but one fails to see that this has anything more to do with skill in conveyancing than the colour of his hair. The writer once heard an excited Scotch farmer at a political meeting hurl this indignant question at his opponent: "Wad ye doot the ver-racity of the *Glob*, mon!" We fear we shall have to do so on this occasion, and to say that in our opinion "Good conveyancing is a matter of skill and knowledge, and *not* of personal character or moral fibre;" and every sane man will say so too. Ex uno disce omnes.

A novel point has recently been decided in a Kentucky Circuit Court which is of interest to the "horsey" community as well as to Humane Societies. An action was brought for