

The teachings of science as to the necessity of proper space and ventilation, if people would escape the dangers of contagion and disease, make their way slowly in courts of justice. When the Shortis trial began at Beauharnois, the evil effects of confined air were quickly felt by counsel and jury. According to the daily journals, it was ascertained that the extra sashes had never been removed from the windows in the court room since the erection of the building some thirty years before. This was in a rural district. But even in the greatest metropolis of the world the vacation court has been sitting, during the hottest part of the year, in a small and badly ventilated apartment, in which it is impossible for the members of the bar to remain any length of time without suffering. Yet, during the long vacation the other courts are closed, and it might be supposed that the Royal Courts of Justice would afford ample space for the convenient transaction of the business of the vacation court.

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The Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore, in a recent case of *Nixon v. The Baltimore Humane Impartial Society*, expressed the opinion that "a board of lady managers of a charitable institution should not be required to observe the strict technicalities of procedure to as great an extent as is expected of bodies of a different character; the chief inquiry being whether there has been a substantial compliance with the rules." The *Chicago Legal News* seems to resent this dictum as something akin to an insult, for it says emphatically: "We do not agree with the court. Women managers of charitable institutions should be required to observe the same procedure and rules as men. They should be treated as the equals of men. They are as capable of performing the duties as men. They should stand upon an equality before the law with men." Our contemporary, however, would appear to put an interpretation upon the words cited which they do not bear.