

the Division Court. There must be a reason for this. Then a great many witnesses will be more "free and easy" in the Division Court box than when testifying in the High Court. We think that there is an impression among the class of witnesses referred to that the Division Court is an unimportant tribunal, without power to visit punishment on those who misbehave. If flagrant cases of Division Court perjury were followed up by prosecutions, a good effect might be accomplished.

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The German Code.

The German nation should be happy now, as she has at last succeeded in codifying her laws, after thirty years' pottering at it. Things seem to have been chaotic, from a legal standpoint, in that great country. About 7,000,000 people in the Rhenish provinces have been under the French civil code of 1804. Then the Duchy of Baden had its own provincial law, and in the greater part of Prussia the Prussian provincial law of 1794 prevailed, while Saxony had a code of her own since 1863. Now the law is unified throughout the whole empire.

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The Crusade against Lawyers.

Let the Patrons of Industry and all others who assail the legal profession read the experience of the London Chamber of Arbitration, an institution intended to supplant the lawyer:—

"The London Chamber of Arbitration is hoisting signals of distress. The virtuous stand which it made at the outset of its career against 'solicitor and client' costs has now been abandoned, in the face of hostile representations on the part of the mercantile community, and henceforward a defeated disputant before the chamber may be required to pay the piper in full. But the chamber has had to make a still more humiliating recantation. Founded to give emphatic expression to lay discontent with lawyers and all their works, it now feels itself compelled to strengthen its indirect appeal to the public for business by dwelling on the facts that lawyers are among the arbitrators, and that the services of a learned Queen's Counsel as assessor are at the disposal of litigants. It will not do. The London Chamber of Arbitration derived whatever vitality it possesses from the temporary torpor into which the regular Courts had fallen. But Sir James Mathew and his colleagues have changed all that, and now the chamber should sing its *Nunc Dimittis* in the proud consciousness that it has at least helped to arouse the Judges and the legal profession generally to higher activities."

The position of an honourable and able legal profession is impregnable, and those who rash against it always fall back worsted in the contest.