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BULLYING BARRISTERS.

THE evolution of the perfect gentleman from the throat-cutting savage is a tedious process. It may be doubted whether the centuries necessary for the operation do not exceed the lapse requisite for the elevation of the ascidian to the savage. The stages are as wide apart, and the work becoming more intricate, involved and entangled, progresses more slowly. In one sense the molusk retrogrades as the savage kicks the shell. Nothing can be more dignified and gentlemanly than the unruffled equanimity of a jelly-fish; while the savage, especially in his civilized form—the rough—is objectionable and offensive to every living creature, be it man, bird, beast, or (we believe) devil.

If the christian maxim, "Love one another," be apparently unattainable for some more millions of years, civilization has for present use evolved another, which professional men at least should be able to assimilate—"Consider one another." A barrister's life being a record of changes of opinion on almost every point upon which he had deemed his professional education completed, respect and consideration should rapidly take the place of any natural egotism or bullying bumptiousness. And usually this is the case, but in some constitutions the savage or rough is too strongly latent, and with these a little opposition produces the same disorderly results as centuries ago were always associated with antagonism. Conflict and good humor were formerly violent repellants, impossible of united existence; and as the primeval