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of "such child or children of mine then living, and of the issue of my child or children then deceased, . . . until my youngest surviving child shall have attained the age of twenty-one years." At that time, the trustees were to make certain sales of real estate, and to stand possessed of the whole fund in trust for "my child or children then living, and the issue then living of my child or children dying before that period," the shares of the children to be paid immediately, the shares of the other issue at marriage or the age of twenty-one. The youngest child became twenty-one in 1862. The widow died in 1874, and several of the children had died before her. *Held*, that the class to take was to be ascertained at the widow's death, and the personal representatives of a child dying before that time took nothing.—*In re Deigh-ton's Settled Estates*, 2 Ch. D. 783.

2. A testator gave the residue of his estate to trustees in trust to pay the income to R. M. for his life, and at his death to pay the trust fund to his sister's female children "on their attaining the age of twenty-one years, or marrying with the consent of their parents." R. M. died in 1870, at which time the testator's sister was a widow with two daughters. In 1875, one daughter married with her mother's consent, and she and her husband petitioned for the transfer of a half of the residue of testator's estate. *Held*, that the "consent of parents" must mean, "parents or parent, if any," so that when the daughter married with her mother's consent she took a vested interest, and the class to take was to be fixed when an individual of it became absolutely entitled.—*Dawson v. Oliver-Massey*, 2 Ch. D. 753.

CLOAK-ROOM TICKET.—*See* BAILMENT 1, 2.

COLLATERAL COVENANT.—*See* COVENANT.

COLLISION.

1. An Inman steamer, going at ten and a half knots an hour, on a dark night, between Queenstown and Liverpool, overtook and ran down a bark having no light astern. The bark saw the steamer a quarter of an hour before the collision, but had not time enough to run up a light before they struck. The steamer did not see the bark. *Held*, that the steamer was liable, and that there was no contributory negligence on the part of the bark.—*The City of Brooklyn*, 1 P. D. 276.

2. A steamer, bound to a port for a perishable cargo of fruit, negligently ran into a sailing-vessel; and the master of the steamer, to avoid detention, and in good faith, gave a bond binding himself and his owners to pay the damage done. In an action against the vessel by the captain for wages and disbursements, including the amount of the penalty of the bond, *held* that the amount of the penalty must be held in court to abide the result of any claim preferred against the captain in respect of the bond.—*The Limerick*, 1 P. D. 292.

COMMON CARRIER.

The plaintiff shipped two horses on a steamer belonging to defendant, for trans-

portation. There was no bill of lading. In a storm of more than usual violence, partly from the rolling of the ship in the heavy sea, and partly from struggling from fright, one of the horses was so injured that she died. The jury expressly found that there was no want of due care on the part of the defendant, either in taking proper measures beforehand for guarding against storms, or in the treatment of the horse at the time of the storm and afterwards. *Held*, that the defendant was not liable. "Act of God" defined by COCKBURN, C. J.—*Nugent v. Smith*, 1 C. P. D. 423; s. c. 1 C. P. D. 19; 10 Am. Law Rev.

CONDITION ON TICKET.—*See* BAILMENT, 1, 2.

CONSIDERATION.—*See* PRINCIPAL AND AGENT.

CONSPIRACY.—*See* FRIVOLOUS SUIT.

CONSTRUCTIVE TOTAL LOSS.—*See* MARINE INSURANCE, 2.

CONTINGENT INTEREST.—*See* MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT.

CONTRACT.

1. The defendants bought rice of the plaintiffs, to be shipped at Madras "during the months of March and April, 1874, about 600 tons, per *Rajah*, of Cochin." The 600 tons filled 8,200 bags; of which 1,780 bags were shipped Feb. 23, 1,780 bags Feb. 24, 3,660 bags Feb. 28, and the remaining 1,080 bags on Feb. 28, with the exception of 50 bags, which were shipped March 3, on which day the bill of lading for the last 1,080 bags was signed. The defendants refused to accept the rice upon its arrival. Evidence was given that the rice shipped in February would be the spring crop, and equally good with rice shipped in March or April. *Held*, that the defendants were not bound to accept the rice.—*Shand v. Bouves*, 1 Q. R. D. 470.

2. The plaintiff contracted with the defendants to construct some dockworks. There was in the contract provision for a penalty of £100 a week in case the works were not completed on or before Aug. 31, 1873. The works were not completed on that date, and on Jan. 22, 1874, the defendants gave notice to the plaintiff to terminate the contract; and they at the same time seized the materials and implements of the plaintiff, under the following clause in the contract: "Should the contractor fail to proceed in the execution of the works in the manner and at the rate of progress required by the engineer, or to maintain the said works to the satisfaction of the engineer, his contract shall, at the option of the company, be considered void, as far as relates to the works remaining to be done; and all sums of money due the contractors, together with all materials and implements in his possession, and all sums named as penalties for non-fulfilment of the contract, shall be forfeited to the company, and the amount shall be considered as ascertained damages for breach of contract." There was a clause providing that if the works were not completed "within the period limited for that purpose," it should be lawful for the company