

pointing out that a "half-boot is not the same as half a boot, but nomen generale. The moon is always the moon, though sometimes she is the half-moon." This poor old Scotch judge—one of the oddities of the Bench—was almost driven demented by Brougham's volubility and acuteness. He liked to dawdle on—Dogberry fashion—with prisoners and juries in his own way, and just when he was looking forward to the pleasure of doing so, lo! his enemy would appear in court—tall, cool, resolute, remorseless. "I declare," said the old judge, "that that man Broom, or Brougham, is the torment of my life." He revenged himself by sneering at Brougham's eloquence, and calling him "The Harangue." "Well, gentlemen, what did the Harangue say next? Why it was this" (misstating it), "but here, gentlemen, the Harangue was most plainly wrong and not intelligible."—*Law Times*.

We regret that want of space forbids our publishing in extenso the address on the Constitutional History of Canada, recently delivered at the Canadian Club, by Mr. Justice Riddell at its first regular meeting for the present season. The facts therein contained are, of course, obtainable elsewhere, but the value of the address consists largely in their careful selection, and the interesting and consecutive manner in which they are given. This condensed summary will be very valuable, both to those who are beginning the study of Canadian history, as well as to those who desire to refresh their memory respecting it. It is time there was more attention given to the history of our country, as it has its pages of heroism and romance quite equal to many of those we hear more about.

It appears that certain politicians in the United States have quarrelled with their historical and much vaunted constitution; and some of them go so far as to reflect upon their judges for constructing it in ways which seem to them objectionable in view of present trade and commercial conditions. This has