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valid by affixing a double stamp duty, if the proper duty has not been paid at the time of issuing the note. Nor is an attorney who merely receives the note for collection such a "holder" as the Act contemplates. He must have a beneficial interest in the note. A novel point arose in *Ex p. Bejean*, p. 200, where the Court held that a debtor who assigns under the Insolvent Act of 1869, cannot, if then in custody, obtain an order for support under the Confined Debtors Act, and can receive his discharge only in the manner pointed out by the former Act.

There are many other important cases, relating to wild land taxes, insurance, railways, and riparian rights, for which, however, we have not further space.

AMERICAN LAW REVIEW. Little, Brown & Co., Boston. July, 1874.

In this number, which concludes Vol. 8 of this admirable Law Review, are discussed, "The Fraudulent Misrepresentations of Agents," "The Three Degrees of Negligence," "Testamentary Powers of Sale."

THE FORUM LAW REVIEW. Baltimore: Henry Taylor & Co.

This is a new review published in the South-Quarterly, as we take it, though it is nowhere so stated. The first number issued in January, and was then designated "The Bench and Bar Review." But with the second number, of which we are just in receipt, and issued as of April, the name is changed to "The Forum." The occasion of the change is that there was already a "Bench and Bar," a monthly legal periodical, published, we think, at Chicago, and it was deemed desirable to change the name so as to avoid confusion. The characteristics of this new serial are much the same as those of the *Southern Law Review*, of which we have heretofore spoken with commendation. One of its specialties is, furnishing in each number the portrait of some distinguished jurist or lawyer. Those already given are Caleb Cushing and Reverdy Johnson. In the last number there is a paper on the valid voluntary settlement of a chose in action, which, we think, we remember to have seen first in the *Solicitors' Journal*, and it is perhaps an oversight that no credit

is given in *The Forum* for the article in question. The papers it contains on the civil law are of a very satisfactory character, and manifest a comprehensive grasp of the subject. We by no means complain of the article on William Pinckney, at Bel Air, as some captious writers, "who are nothing if not critical," seem to have done. No one would imagine the account to be literally true, but *si non e vero e ben trovato*; if it is not true it ought to be.

BRITISH QUARTERLY. July, 1874. Leonard Scott Publishing Co., New York.

The principal articles for this quarter are, "The Depths of the Sea," "Lord Ellenborough," "Indian Administration," "Society, Philosophy and Religion," a political article, and an amusing history of "Finger Rings."

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE for July, the first number of a new volume, is now before us. The most noticeable articles among its contents are: "Family Jewels," "Two Cities—Two Books," and "Brackenbury's Narrative of the Ashanti War." The first is a collection of gems of verse which have a family likeness; examples of one subject variously treated by poets of different ages.

In the second we have a picture of Florence, in connection with George Eliot's "Romola;" and Venice, with which is associated in like manner George Sand's "Consuelo."

The third of these articles is a review of an "authentic memoir of that extraordinary war which England made on the Gold Coast last winter." The book tells of the "ancient history of the region;" "the troubles of the governors and traders of old;" "the Ashanti invasion which led to this last war, and the steps taken to meet it;" its results, and the prospects of the settlements, giving altogether a very fair idea of the whole subject. The writer was Assistant Military Secretary to General Wolseley, and speaks *ex cathedra*, and the reviewer speaks very highly of the book as a truthful narrative of the war and its causes.

The serials, "Alice Lorraine" and "Valentine and his Brother," are continued.