

## REVIEWS—FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

In the light of principle, therefore, as well as by the weight of the later authorities, the whole question should be thus resolved : The privilege of infancy is accorded for the protection of the infant from injury resulting from imposition by others or his own indiscretion. The object is fully accomplished by conferring on him the power to avoid his contracts, or, in other words, by giving him immunity from liability, until such contracts are ratified by himself after arriving at full age. And, again, that an adult, labouring under no disability, may perform his unexecuted contracts of infancy, whether they be beneficial or prejudicial to him, and that he will be bound by such performance, we think is a proposition too plain to be doubted. If, therefore, with full knowledge of the facts, he ratifies and affirms them, being moved thereto by his own sense of right and duty, he should in law, as in morals, be bound to their performance.

*Motion overruled.*

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**A MANUAL OF THE LAW OF LANDLORD AND TENANT.** By Horace Smith, B.A., of the Inner Temple, and Horace Spooner Soden, M.A., of the Middle Temple, Barristers-at-Law. Second Edition. London : Davis & Son, 57 Carey St., Lincoln's Inn. R. Carswell, Toronto, 1878.

The first edition of this work was published in 1871, and was very favourably received by the profession in England, though but little known in this country. The ground plan was drawn out originally by Mr. Cave, Q. C., but, as he was unable to finish it, Messrs. Smith and Soden took it in hand and presented a very useful treatise, which takes its place between the large and expensive treatise of Woodfall (now appearing in a slightly abridged form in its eleventh edition, by Mr. Selv) and the sketchy lectures of Mr. J. W. Smith. The present volume is even a greater success than the previous one, much matter has been added, a part re-written, and a number of forms given, some of which are new to us

and will be found of use in this country. We strongly recommend this compact and practical work to the notice of our readers.

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**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.**—On the evening of Coronation day of Her present Majesty, the Benchers of Lincoln's Inn gave the Students a dinner ; when a certain wag, in giving out a verse of the National Anthem, which he was solicited to lead in a solo, took the opportunity of stating a grievance as to the modicum of port allowed, as follows :

“ Happy and glorious  
Three half pints 'mong four of us.  
Heaven send no more of us.  
God save the Queen.”

which was sung by the full chorus amid shouts of laughter and applause.

“ **LIEN.**”—Lord Eldon always pronounced the word, as though it were “ lion,” and Sir Arthur Pigott pronounced it “ lean.” On this Jekyll wrote the following epigram :

“ Sir Arthur ! Sir Arthur what do you mean,  
By saying the Chancellor's “ lion ” is “ lean.”  
Do you think that his kitchen's so bad as all  
that  
That nothing within it will ever grow fat ? ”

**ROLLS AND BUTTER.**—Lord John Russell endeavoured to persuade Lord Langdale to resign the permanent Mastership of the Rolls, for the uncertain position of Lord Chancellor; and paid the learned Lord very high compliments upon his talents and acquirements. “ It is useless talking, my Lord ” said Langdale, “ so long as I enjoy the *Rolls*, I care nothing for your butter.”

A County Judge in England, who had received his appointment, more on account of his political creed than of his ability, was surprised to find that an assistant judge had been appointed to his court. A friend asked Lord Westbury the reason for his creating another judge. The Chancellor replied, “ we were afraid of leaving Mr. A—any longer *alone in the dark.* ”