REGINA vs. CALCAIEL.

An indictment for manslaughter against J. Caloniel, M.D., tried at the sittings of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery for the County of York, in the City of Toronto, A.D., 1883, before Mr. Justice Commonsense. The prisoner, on being arraigned, stated that he was ready for his trial.

Mr. Sifter, Q C., appeared for the Crown, with Mr. Shakem, Q.C., for the private presecutor, Mr. Globule, a brother of the deceated lady, Madamo De Luded. Mr. O'Wiley, Q.C., appeared for the defence.

Owing to the unusual number of challenges, some time clapsed before a jury could be empanelled. The Crown and counsel for the private prosecutor objected to several of the jurymen. Among those challenged by the Crown and private prosecutor was Mr. Algornon Spruce, the Druggist; this gentleman was regarded as doubly objectionable, inasmuch as he had con tracted a matrimonial engagement with the daughter of the Doctors' Detective Officer, and had a large stock of mercurial preparations on hand; Mr. Spruce had moreover been heard to remark that he " would stick to the bridge that carried him over."

Mr. Alexander Prig, a surgical instrument maker, whose Aunt Betsey's vocation is dependent on that novel medical dodge, "the nurse-voucher agency," or "directory for nurses"-Mr. Prig, with one eye on his Aunt Betsey, and the other on his surgical instruments, had been heard to say that "he thought he knew on which side his bread was buttered."

Mr. Casket, the Undertaker, was challenged for reasons too obvious to need explanation.

Mr. Taverner, the Hotel-keeper, was likewise challenged, as he had been heard to dilate on the number of persons who had become regular customers of his, in consequence of the prisoner (Dr. Calomel) having prescribed intoxicants for his patients, to say nothing of similar prescriptions which he was in the hibit of making up for the doctor.

After considerable sparring between the professional men, the following jury was empanelled and sworn .- Messrs. N. Quirer, Frank Weigher, D. Liberator, I. N. Vestigator, I. M. Partial, T. Ruth, J. U. Stice, H. O. Nesty, J. N. Tegrity, I. N. Telligence, P. Onderer, and Mr. F. Oreman.

The subjoined indictment was then read to the prisoner :-

The Jurors for our Sovereign Lady COUNTY OF YORK, the Queen, upon their oath, present To Wit that J. CALOMEL, on the 1st day of April, A.D., 1883, in the City of Toronto, in the County of York, did foloniously kill and slay one Annie De Luded.

The prisoner pleaded "Not Guilty"

Mr. Sifter, Q.C., then briefly opened the case for the Crown, to the jury as follows .--

May it please your Lordship, --

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY. - The prisoner at the bar is charged with one of the most serious crimes that it is possible for a man t commit, namely, that he did, by culpable neglect of his duty, and by gross ignorance, cause the death of the ill-fated Madame Annie De Luded. The facts are of the following nature :- On the 20th day of March last, Madame Annie De Luded was delivered of a male child; the prisoner was called to attend her; on the third day subsequent to the birth of the child, Madame De Luded exhibited all the symptoms of puerporal fever; in skilful hands the fever should have been precented. Dr. Calomel however deprived this unhappy lady of thirty ounces of blood at the commoncement of the disorder; it is but fair to observe that she was bled in an upright position, in order to indicate the fainting stage; I said; Gentlemen of the July, as gentlemen who severally

ithin a few hours of this incipient bleeding, her abdomen was covered with four dozen leeches, half a grain of morphia was administered to her every two hours; calemel and opium were given in repeated doses at short intervals, with a view to produce salivation; and when the ten fatal result of this course of treatment was impending, cinchona (quinine), nitric acid, chlorate of potash, other, ammonia, beef ten and wine were hurriedly crowded on the sufferer, in the delusive hope of counteracting the evil of wholesale depletion, accompanied as that evil was, by the reckless administration of opiates, chlorides, etc. I shall now show you by unimpeachable evidence, that the death of this ill-starred lady is traccable to the grossest ignorance on the part of the prisoner. I now call Mrs. Betsey Prig.

Mrs. Prig, having been sworn, said :- I acted in the capacity of nurse to the late Madame De Luded. I saw thirty ounces of blood taken from her, on the third day after her continement. I applied forty-eight leeches to the abdomen of Madame De Luded, by the order of Dr. Calomel, a few hours afterwards. When it became evident that the deceased lady was sinking, I gave her quinine, nitric acid, chlorate of potash, other, ammonia, beef tea, and wine until she was no longer able to swallow-I did this by Dr. Calomel's order.

Miss Ellen De Luded, being sworn, confirmed the testimony of Mrs Betsey Prig.

Dr. O. Moios, being sworn, declared that: - To bleed at allto say nothing of taking thirty ounces of blood and applying eight and forty leeches to the departed lady-unless she had been blessed with a Methuselen constitution, could not but be attended by a fatal result; and as for the administration of morphia, the Doctor observed that even The Lancet protests vigorously against it; while calonel, opium, quinine, nitric acid, chlorate of potash, ether, ammonia, etc., were probably rolics of the pre-Adamite earth.

Dr. E. Clectic and Dr. H. Y. Dropath confirmed the testimony of Dr. O. Moios.

The evidence for the prosecution being completed, Mr. O. Wiley, Q.C., proceeded to examine the witnesses for the defence.

Dr. Narcotic, being sworn, stated:-That the abstraction of thirty ounces of blood from a patient three days after her confinement, and the application of forty-eight leeches a few hours subsequently was in strict accordance with the practice of the highest authorities; that the administration of morphia, calomel, opium, quinine, nitric acid, chlorate of potash, ether, ammonia, beef tea and wine, were precisely in accordance with the received practice.

Dr. Dopletem, being sworn, confirmed the testimony of the previous witness.

These witnesses did not consider that there was anything of the nature of irony in their bearing the pall, at the funeral of their deceased patients. Neither did they recognize any analogy between their paying that mark of respect to the departed, and the duty of a tailor, in taking home his work.

The evidence for the defence being closed, Mr. O'Wily, Q.C., the counsel for the prisoner, addressed the Jury-he observed that his client had but reduced to practice the principles of the advanced school of medicine to which he belonged, he had been unremitting in his attendance on the deceased lady, and notwithstanding every offort of his own, coupled with the advantage of consultation with his friends Dr. Narcotic, and Dr. Depletem, the malaria which prevails at this season of the year had overpowered the frail frame of his kmented patient.

The Counsel for the Crown, in addressing the Jury,