

LEGAL ANTIQUITIES.—Few people are aware that in two countries at least laws have been passed giving women the right to propose marriage. In case of refusal to accept the hand of the suitor a heavy fine was imposed upon the unfortunate man. Among the ancient records of Scotland a searcher has recently discovered an act of Scottish parliament, passed in the year 1288, which reads as follows: "It is statut and ordaint that during the rein of his maist blissit Begeste, ilk for the yeare knowne as lepe yeare, ilk mayden layde of bothe highe and lowe estait shall hae liberte to bespeke ye man she likes, albeit he refuses to taik hir to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye sum ane dundis or less, as his estat may be; except and awis gif he can make it appeare that he is betrothit ane ither woman he then shall be free." A few years later a similar law was passed in France and received the approval of the king. It is also said that before Columbus sailed on his famous voyage a similar privilege was granted to the maidens of Genoa and Florence. There is no record of any fines imposed under the Scotch law or trace of statistics of the number of spinsters who take advantage of it or the French enactment.—*The Green Bag*.

DAMNUM ABSQUE INJURIA.—In a suit brought against a railway company by a widow for the death of her husband, the defendant's counsel cross-examined the plaintiff as follows:—

Q. "Madam, Mr. X. was a good man, was he not?"

A. "Yes, a very good man."

Q. "But sickly and getting a little old?"

A. "Yes, he was a consumptive and 50 years old."

Q. "You have since married the second time?"

A. "Yes, a few days ago."

Q. "This husband is a fine looking, healthy young fellow, isn't he?"

A. "Well, yes, he is."

Q. "Now, isn't it a fact that he is a much better husband than your first one?"

A. "Well, I think he is."

Q. "Then, how are you damaged by the railroad train running over the first one?"

FEMALE LAWYERS IN THE SOUTH.—Alabama is said to be the first southern state to pass a bill permitting females to practise law.